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AT LEAST NINE AIRCRAFT — BELIEVED TO BE GERMAN JUNKERS 87'S (DIVE-BOMBERS) — WERE DESTROYED WHEN THE R.A.F. MADE A HEAVY RAID ON CATANIA (SICILY), ACCORDING TO A MIDDLE EAST R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The raid occurred on the night of January 12/13. A series of attacks was made and very heavy damage was caused, the communique states.

Two hangars on the western side of the aerodrome were set afire, one being demolished. Another hangar on the east side was also set ablaze. Heavy explosions occurred and a number of fires started among administrative buildings.

Bombs hit the main runways and a railway line along the west side of the aerodrome. The same night raids were made on aerodromes at Berka and Benina. Many planes are believed to have been put out of action by bomb splinters and subsequent machine-gun attacks. The previous night raids were made on barracks and defences at Derna and fires started among barracks.

Troops Bombed

Military concentrations at Barti (Albania) were bombed on Monday and it is believed that direct hits were registered. Smoke was seen rising from a bridgehead in the south end of the town when British aircraft left the target. Raids were made on the night of January 12/13 on aerodromes

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BRITISH
AIRCRAFT
CARRIER
BOMBED

Further news of the naval engagement in the Mediterranean comes with publication in London of an Admiralty communique admitting damage to the giant new aircraft-carrier *Illustrious* and the cruiser *Southampton*.

The communique announces that an Italian destroyer was sunk in the Sicilian Channel, in the central Mediterranean, on January 10.

The British destroyer *Gallant* was damaged by mine or torpedo but has arrived in harbour.

German and Italian planes attacked British warships, the communique says, and the aircraft-carrier *Illustrious* was hit and received some damage and casualties.

The cruiser *Southampton* was also hit and suffered casualties.

At least 12 enemy aircraft were shot down and a number damaged.—Reuter.

JAPANESE
WAR LORDS
CONFER
ON CRISIS

An unexpected and unusual step has been taken by the Japanese War Minister, General Tojo, in calling in a dozen retired generals for a round-table conference to be held today on what the Domei agency calls the "present national emergency."

Practically all the generals convoked are ex-War Ministers or ex-Premiers.

The conference will also be attended by the present Chief of the Army General Staff, the Minister of Justice, the Vice-Minister of War and the Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau. The latter two, says the Domei

BROOKLYN
WATERFRONT
FIRE DISASTER

A fire yesterday swept the famous Brooklyn waterfront, threatening City buildings, warehouses and Municipal offices.

Five men are known to have been killed and many injured. Some are in hospital with critical burns.

Thirty parked cars were destroyed by flames which also damaged a fire engine.—Reuter.

agency, will explain present conditions and "affirm the army's determination to see the crisis through."—Reuter.

NIGHT FIGHTER
PILOTS GAINING
SUCCESSSES

THE GROWING experience of British night fighter pilots is beginning to show results; more raiding bombers are being intercepted and those that do get through are being attacked with some success, says the Air Ministry news service.

The number of our night fighter squadrons is steadily increasing, though necessarily slowly.

Pilots must be taught a new technique of fighting, much of which is still experimental. Aircraft must be adapted and even under the most favourable conditions the difficulties of trailing enemy bombers flying at some 250 miles an hour through darkness are still severe.

"Like trying to swat a wasp in a black-out room," as one pilot said.

Similar Nazi Tactics

The enemy is working on similar lines. Our bombers are now encountering night fighters on raids over Germany, and reports of these have been shot

for the night tactics of the Luftwaffe have proved more successful than the enemy's, because our night fighters have not yet been able to bring them into action.

—Distinguished Flying

Cross for night flying was awarded to Flight-Lt. John Cunningham, who shot down two enemy bombers over the South Coast at a height of nearly 20,000 feet in a temperature 50 degrees below freezing point.—Reuter.

NO FOREIGN
TROOPS IN
BULGARIA

THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY STATES THAT IT IS AUTHORIZED TO SAY THAT NO FOREIGN TROOPS HAVE BEEN ENTERING BULGARIA.

It also officially denies that the Government has made any approaches to foreign governments and says that there have been no grounds for any such approaches.—Reuter.

Rumania
Under
The Yoke

Rumanian officials in Belgrade yesterday refused to confirm or deny a report that General Antonescu has been summoned to Berlin.

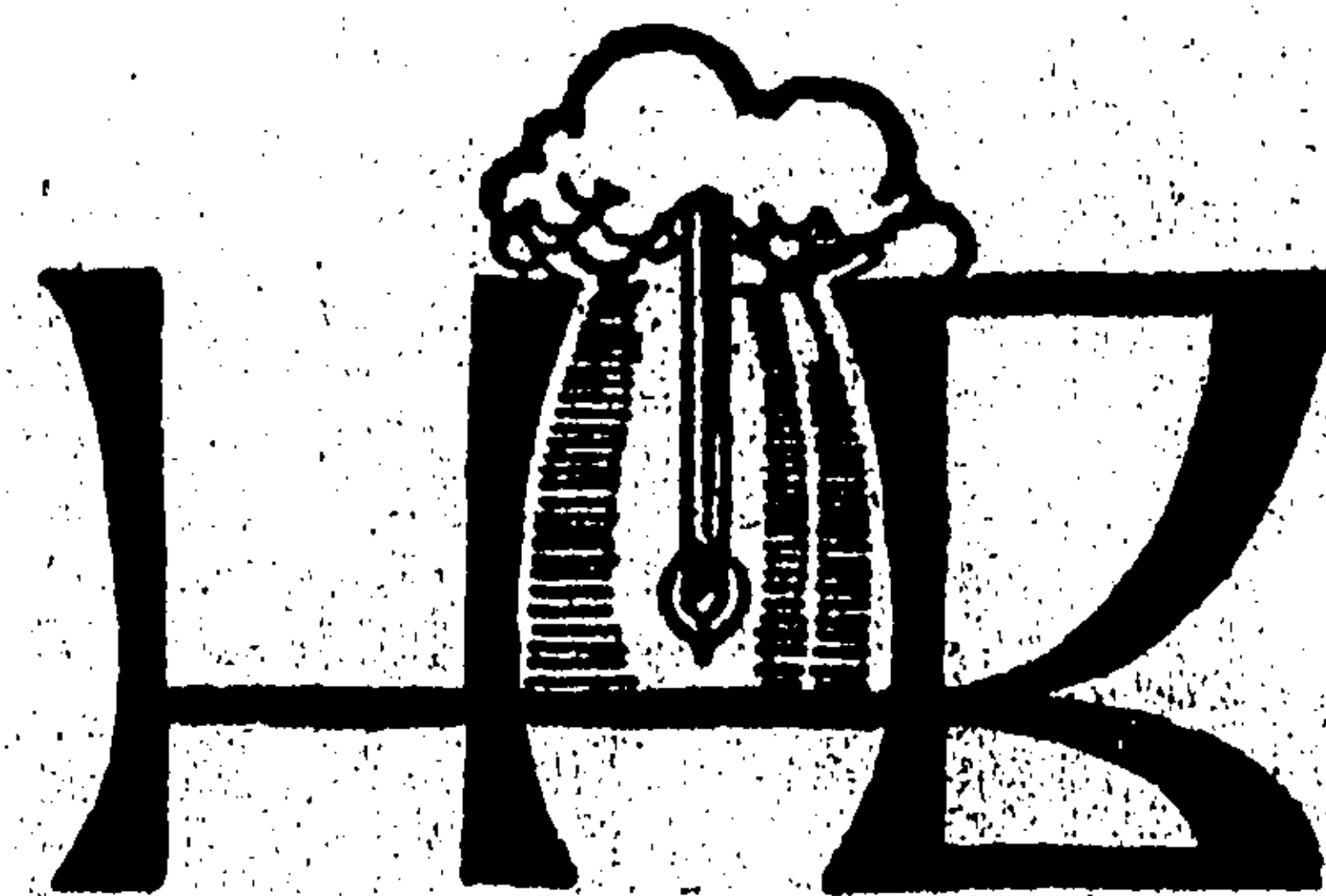
Horia Sima, Deputy Premier and head of the Iron Guard, has called meetings of his followers in all towns on January 19.

Speakers will address the meetings on "The struggle of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy for the establishment of a new European order."

Meanwhile the Rumanian newspaper "Curentul" yesterday sounded a note of defiance over German plans to turn Rumania into a granary and oil reservoir at the expense of her industrial development.

The paper says the Legionary regime does not dream of giving up Rumanian industry, but on the contrary it must be expanded.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Mercy Ship Of The Desert Takes Off Tobruk Wounded

IMPERIAL AND ITALIAN TROOPS IN SAME BOAT

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in the Western Desert Battle Area)

I HAVE JUST HAD AN OPPORTUNITY OF SPENDING A SHORT TIME ABOARD A HOSPITAL SHIP PRIOR TO ITS SAILING. IT WAS FILLED WITH ITALIAN PRISONERS FROM BARDIA AND AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH AND RHODESIAN TROOPS INVOLVED IN THE PRELIMINARY ACTION AROUND TOBRUK.

These weary wounded will shortly begin a journey to hospital. This little vessel is rapidly earning for itself the title of "mercy ship of the Western Desert."

It was built at Newcastle-on-Tyne; it is not particularly handsome and registers only 1,800 tons, but its draught enables it to enter the tiny harbours along the Egyptian and Libyan coasts.

ACTOR TOOK HER ALL

An actor sentenced at West London to twelve months' imprisonment was stated to have robbed a woman of her life savings of £700 in "a most deliberate and cold-blooded way" by pretending to be in love with her and posing as a producer of war propaganda films.

Donald Stewart, fifty-two, of Paulton Square, Chelsea, pleaded guilty to four charges of obtaining sums amounting to £560 by false pretences from Mrs. Ethel Beatrice Redshaw, formerly proprietress of a hotel in the Isle of Wight.

Deliberate Fraud

The magistrate (Sir Gervais Rentoul) said, "This is as bad a case as I have ever had before me. This was a deliberately planned fraud of a heartless and callous kind."

"You played on the feelings of this lady, pretending to be in love with her. You gained her affections to find an easy way to her pocket to rob her of all her money."

Mr. C. Melville, prosecuting, said that in less than three months, Stewart obtained over £700 from Mrs. Redshaw in a most deliberate and cold-blooded way.

He proposed to her, but she explained that she could not marry him as she was separated from her husband.

He told her that he was going to make a film called "Britain's Might," a propaganda picture.

"The story was absolutely untrue," said Mr. Melville.

"He also spoke of a film he had made called 'Take Cover,' on which he had lost money. He said that he required £125, and that if she would lend him the money he would pay her 25 per cent. interest."

"Believing his story," added Mr. Melville, "Mrs. Redshaw gave him the money."

After that Mrs. Redshaw parted with various sums.

Regular hospital ships draw too much water to enter these harbours.

This ship provides easily the most comfortable form of transport for seriously wounded men—the alternative is a bumpy ride across 100 miles of desert in an ambulance lorry which is a severe ordeal for a wounded man.

Regular Trips

Impressed into service at short notice the little ship is now making regular trips.

A team of Australian medical officers supervise the wounded—a service which is both difficult and dangerous.

The ship will await the dusk when it will slip out of harbour with the utmost promptness in order to miss Italian bombers.

The trip will be by no means a pleasure cruise. Apart from the possibility of meeting a wandering Italian submarine a high sea is running, which would make normal routine for men not accustomed to a sea voyage very difficult.

Majority of the Imperial troops who will make the voyage are men who went through the Bardia campaign and then were wounded at Tobruk.

Less seriously wounded men move about on the deck of the ship and all are in good spirits.

Seriously Hurt

Some Imperial soldiers and many Italians are more seriously hurt and they console themselves with the certain knowledge that they will receive every possible attention at base hospitals.

Many of the lightly wounded Italians were becoming more cheerful even before the voyage starts, at the prospect that the war is finished for them, but others sit silently around the deck, their sad eyes asking the question when will they see their native land again.—Reuter.

WAR BRINGS TWO NEW DISEASES

Two new wartime afflictions—evacuee's sore throat and shelter tonsillitis—are dealt with by Mr. T. B. Layton, senior surgeon of the throat and ear department of Guy's Hospital, in an article in the British Medical Journal.

Evacuee's sore throat is caused, he says, by the fact that if a young person entirely changes his mode and site of living the hygiene of the upper respiratory tract is altered, and will take some time to adjust itself.

Shelter tonsillitis, he adds, is not as yet prevalent, but it is very likely to become so.



Members of an aircraft factory who recently visited an R.A.F. Fighter Squadron, invited the pilots to pay them a visit at the factory and see their fighter planes being made. The visitors to the factory had destroyed 30 enemy machines at least. One baled out when his machine caught fire and another was adrift on a raft for three days. The decorations of the party included three D.F.C.'s, one A.F.C., and one D.F.M. Photo shows some of the pilots watching girls at work on the instrument panels. The Flight Lieutenant in the centre has 17 planes to his credit. (Copy right, Fox).

AMBASSADOR'S NAME STILL A SECRET

A successor to Mr. Joseph Kennedy as United States Ambassador to Britain has been chosen.

President Roosevelt announced this at his press conference in Washington yesterday but declined to reveal the name of the envoy he has selected.—Reuter.

Diamond For War Relief

Because of the increasing demands on the services of doctors, certain overseas doctors can be included temporarily in the Medical Register, it was announced yesterday.

The main object of this is to enable civil hospitals to employ Dominions and foreign doctors.

Those eligible fall into two classes:—

Those qualified to practice in Canada or the United States who are British nationals or citizens of the United States; and

Those qualified to practice in any part of the British Empire or the countries of our European allies or in Germany or Italy. —Reuter.

A Scout and Guide Memorial Service for the late Chief Scout, the Right Honourable Lord Bessborough, will be held in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

BRITISH SUPPLY COUNCIL SET UP IN AMERICA

THE GREAT INCREASE in the volume of British supplies from North America has necessitated a change in the Anglo-American liaison organisation.

A committee has been established, called the British Supply Council in North America, the chairman being Mr. Arthur Purvis, Director-General of the British Purchasing Mission.

Additional members will be Mr. Morris Wilson, Sir Clive Baillieu, Australian representative on the Imperial Economic Committee since 1930, Sir Henry Self, Director-General of the British Air Commission, and Vice-Admiral A. E. Evans, head of the Admiralty mission in Canada.

The Council will deal with all issues of policy concerning supply, including representations to be made to the United States Administration.

Sir Clive Baillieu has been appointed Director-General of the British Purchasing Mission.

Co-Ordination Of Effort

"Formation of the new Council gives effect to the organisation of methods for the complete co-ordination of the North American war effort," the spokesman of the Canadian Munitions and Supply Department in Ottawa told Reuter last night.

The spokesman added that increased cooperation between the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada in the production of war materials would be a direct result of the new organisation.

The appointment of Mr. Purvis as chairman of the Council is generally regarded in Ottawa as satisfactory.

Fully In Tune

In Washington, the new Council is regarded as being fully in tune with present developments in economic and war supply arrangements between the United States and Britain.

As big as have been the activities of the British Purchasing Mission it is expected they will be dwarfed by the amount of material to be sent across the Atlantic during the next few years under the Lend-Lease and similar agreements.

THE NAVY V. SCHOOLGIRLS (DRAW)

When the British destroyer Arrow last came into port, the officers and men issued a hockey match challenge to schoolgirls, who had adopted them for the duration.

The challenge was accepted and the match resulted in a draw.

Sponsor of the adoption scheme was Audrey Poe, a Chichester schoolgirl, whose father served in the Arrow until recently.

She and her friends at Chichester High School are devoting their leisure hours to knitting comforts of all types for the destroyer crew and have already sent large quantities of knitted garments to them.

The girls have arranged themselves into various groups for carrying out all kinds of work and have already raised more than £124 for the Red Cross, the Relief of Finland Fund, for the Poles, the Turkish earthquake, and for British prisoners of war.

Now they are raising money to help the distressed in the bombed areas. They hope upon soon to have made £200.

A number of girls have made looms. On these and on boughs they are busy weaving rug, cushion covers, scarves, shawl, pixie hoods and dinner mats. These they sell to the public in aid of their funds.

Others go round Chichester cleaning private cars at 2s. a time, bicycles at 6d. a time, and shoes a penny a pair.

In Washington an excellent son to lead the new Council, which was chosen by the British Purchasing Mission.

REVIVED HOPE IN FRANCE

Resentment Now Giving Place To Reason

VICTORY WILL NOT LONG BE DELAYED

"I am more than ever convinced that the victory of our just cause will not be long delayed," said the Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, replying to a telegram from General de Gaulle congratulating him "on the magnificent achievement of the Australian troops at Bardia and their effective contribution to the defeat of our common enemy." — Reuter.

Pro-British Sentiment Grows

THE REMARKABLE growth of pro-British sentiment in France to-day was the text of a broadcast by Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, Minister of Information, from London last evening.

Mr. Duff-Cooper spoke of evidence from sources of "absolute accuracy" that in France despair had given place to hope, and resentment to reason. They saw that the only hope for the future of a France free and independent was a British victory.

Mr. Duff-Cooper told of a French boy who built an aeroplane in a cowshed and on a stormy day, when few German aircraft were about, took off and landed safely in England and is now fighting for the cause of the Allies in the Free French Forces. This boy, said Mr. Duff-Cooper, was able to give effect to the desire latent in the hearts of millions of brave Frenchmen to-day who only awaited an opportunity to show upon whose side they are and for whose victory they pray.

Greatest Of Glories

Mr. Duff-Cooper paid high tribute to Free Frenchmen and their leader, General de Gaulle.

He said: "They have given up all for a cause which means more to them than all the world; it is the principle of honour, deeply implanted in the souls of all soldiers, which made them refuse to surrender; it is love of liberty, deeply implanted in the souls of all Frenchmen, which urges them to continue the fight."

"Their's is now the hardest of all lots to bear but in the days of victory theirs will be the greatest of all glories, when the exiles will come home as conquerors restoring to their own people the freedom they had forfeited." — Reuter.

THE NEW CHIEF WHIP

THE RT. HON. JAMES GRAY STUART HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHIEF GOVERNMENT WHIP IN PLACE OF CAPTAIN DAVID MARGESSON, THE SECRETARY FOR WAR.

Mr. Stuart is a brother of Lord Moray, and his wife, Lady Rachel Stuart, is a daughter of the late Duke of Devonshire. He served with distinction in the Great War and was Conservative M.P. for Moray and Nairn and has been a deputy of Capt. Margesson since 1937. He is also the Scottish Government Whip.

For two years he was in business in America and is reputed to have one of the quickest brains in the Commons. — Reuter.

WELFARE OF ARMY FAMILIES

Four military officers of the rank of major have been specially appointed in Lahore for the purpose of looking after the welfare of the families of soldiers who are abroad on active service.

A fifth officer has been appointed at Peshawar on the North-West Frontier. — Reuter.

NIGHT PRINTING FOR PARLIAMENT

The Speaker of the House of Commons has announced that arrangements had been made for the night printing of Parliamentary papers with no more delay than in peace-time.

An official of the Stationery Office said that a system had been instituted for printing throughout the night similar to those at other offices.

The question was raised in the House of Commons when the Speaker said that so long as night air raids continued the night printing of Parliamentary notices would be impossible.

Members strongly criticised this decision, and it was pointed out that not a single national or local newspaper which was printed at night had suspended publication. Mr. Churchill said he would have the matter looked into.

UPWARD TREND ON STOCK MARKET

The upward trend of prices on the London Stock Exchange, with broadening enquiries, is giving cause for general satisfaction. Gilt-edged were again favoured, while several Brazilian bonds continued their advance. On the other hand Japanese bonds encountered offerings. Industrials attracted buying interest, especially electric equipments and building shares, while among oils Mexican Eagles were the most popular feature. Wall Street was steady. — Reuter.

RUMANIAN WATERS MINED

RUMANIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS HAVE BEEN DECLARED A DANGER ZONE FOR SHIPPING IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE RUMANIAN NAVY MINISTER AND QUOTED BY ANKARA RADIO YESTERDAY.

Ships desiring to navigate in these waters of the Black Sea must obtain permission and notify the port authorities, it is stated.

No reason for this measure is given. — Reuter.



Polish troops now serving under General Wavell's Command in the Middle East. (Copyright, Fox).

SOLDIERS ARMED ON LEAVE

An Army officer told Mr. Justice Tucker at the Old Bailey that soldiers on leave must take rifles and ammunition with them.

The Judge said he had had two cases that session of soldiers shooting while on leave.

Before the court was James Burnham, 21, a trooper, who was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for shooting at his sister-in-law, Mrs. Elsa Burnham, and William George Sullivan, outside an air-raid shelter. Sullivan was wounded in the arm.

It was stated that Burnham had cohabited with the woman while his brother was away.

GALLABAT NIGHT RAID

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF BRILLIANT MOONLIGHT, BRITISH TROOPS SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY CARRIED OUT A STRONG NIGHT RAID ON PREPARED ITALIAN POSITIONS IN THE GALLABAT SECTOR OF THE SUDAN - ABYSSINIA FRONT. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN KHARTOUM YESTERDAY.

After fierce hand-to-hand fighting the British gained their objective.

It is estimated the Italians lost 60 killed. British casualties were very slight.

British patrols are also continuing strong pressure against Italian positions in the Kassala sector, further north. — Reuter.

R.A.F. ROUNDS UP PRISONERS

Military experts in London say that one reason for the fact that our losses in the taking of Sidi-Barani and Sollum were under 1,000 and Bardia less than 600 killed and wounded is probably the extensive use made of armoured vehicles.

Italian prisoners in Libya are still being rounded up and R.A.F. fighter planes are giving a hand in this work.

Flying low over the desert, skimming the cliffs on the sea-shore at times, where they spot Italians taking refuge in caves, they have on several occasions enabled quite large bands to be taken prisoner.

Two days ago a Hurricane saw a small party of Italian officers at the water's edge.

The Navy was informed, and a motor-boat took them on board, the party including the commander of the Sidi-Barani garrison.

Another British fighter captured 150 Italians.

The pilot at first thought they were British, but he came low and spotted their dusty green uniforms.

He let loose a burst from his guns at them and then flew around, keeping them together.

A truck load of British soldiers arrived to relieve him. — Reuter.

BLACK-OUT FINES ON R.A.F. OFFICER

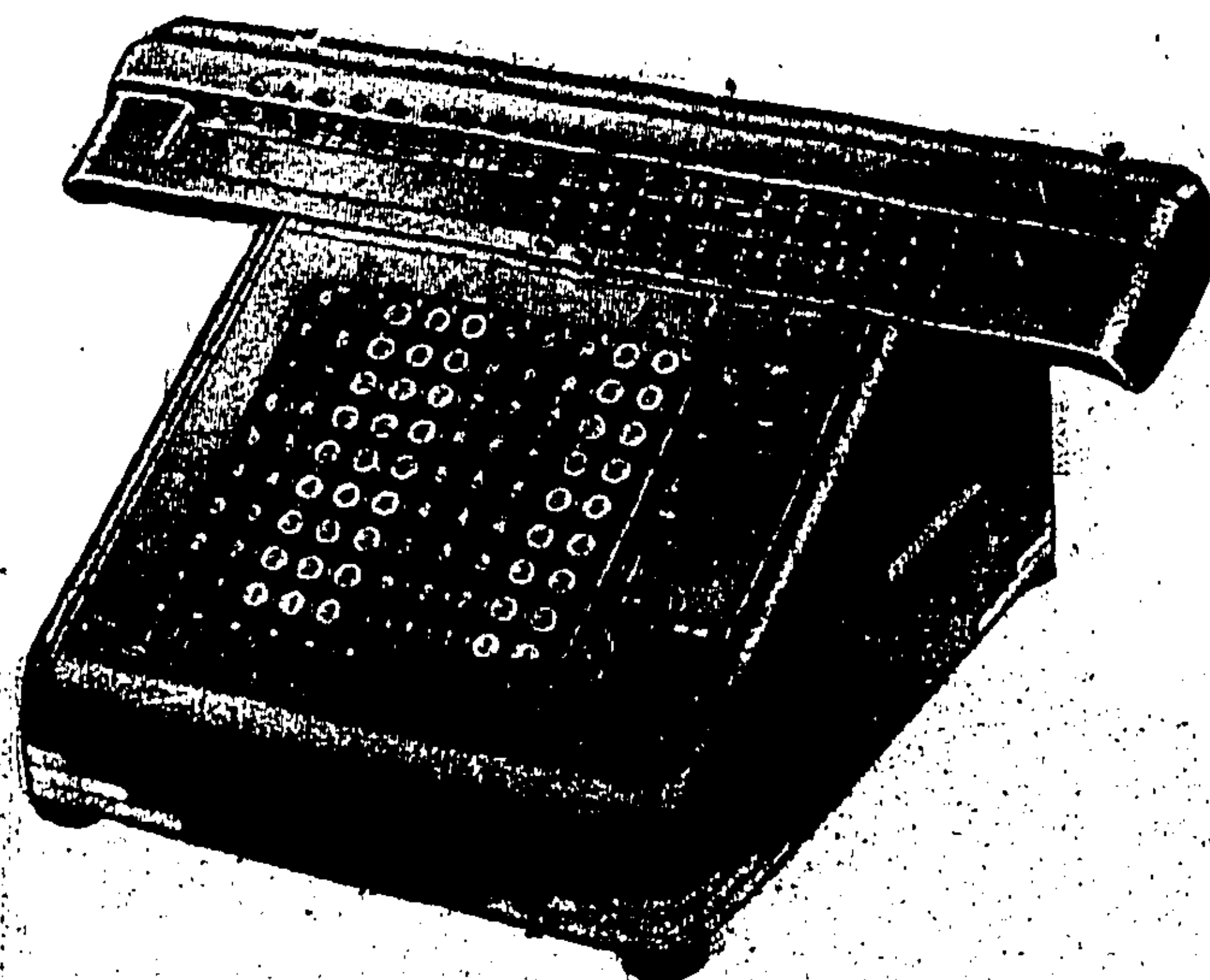
A fine of £50 was imposed at a court on Flt-Lt. Percy Jack Clayton for a black-out offence. Flt-Lt. Clayton stated that during a party at Clayton's house the French windows were wide open and the curtains drawn back. The judge was told that Flt-Lt. Clayton said: "Make your fine and let go. You people don't know what a war is."

It was stated that members of the Home Guard had complained of black-out arrangements at the house.

A fine of £2 was imposed for another offence, one on the night of the raid on the other on the night of the raid.

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SENATOR WHEELER ROUSES ANGER OF PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MADE AN IM-PASSIONED OUTBURST AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY AGAINST AN OPPONENT, WHO HE DID NOT NAME, OF THE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING HIM TO CARRY OUT HIS POLICY OF TOTAL AID TO THE DEMOCRACIES.

The President said that he had read in a newspaper that "every fourth American child would be ploughed under" and he described it as "the rottenest lie that has been said in the public life of my generation."

President Roosevelt declined to say who made the statement originally, but he declared that it had been repeated by several people and he added: "It is a good time to kill a poor slogan, at birth."

"I regard that statement as the most untruthful, the most dastardly and the most unpatriotic thing that has ever been said. Quote me on that."

The "Culprit"

Although President Roosevelt declined to name the person responsible, the slogan was the work of the isolationist leader, Senator Wheeler, who has proclaimed the intention of opponents of the Lease-and-Lend Bill to fight for its defeat, not to accept it with modifications.

In a wireless broadcast on Sunday night, Senator Wheeler termed the measure "The New Deal's triple, a foreign policy—to plough under every fourth American boy." — Reuter.

WOMEN DISCUSS SHELTERS

2,000,000 Sleep Away From Home

Miss M. E. Sutherland, of London, chief woman officer to the Labour party, told the National Conference of labour women at Southport that they had no right to plead to the Government that every civilian should have absolute immunity against the bomb.

Miss Sutherland was moving an emergency resolution on air-raid policy which urged the need for setting up a special authority in the Greater London area, and other vulnerable centres, to deal with problems arising from air raids. This was carried unanimously.

Miss Sutherland declared that to say there was no real security except 60ft below the ground was to create panic. The efficacy of other kinds of shelters had been proved in London by the lowering of the casualty rate.

Mayfair Offers Declined

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, the new Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, describing to the National Council of Women in London some of her shelter problems, remarked that there were large houses in Mayfair—whole strings of them, in fact—where people could be billeted, but people could not be persuaded to go from the Isle of Dogs to live in Ea'on Square. One woman who was offered a home for her large family in Eaton Square had said to her: "Well, miss, whatever would I do with it? It is in Ea'on Square? Where do you think I should do my shopping, Harrods?"

Other points made by Miss Wilkinson were: People with Anderson shelters must use them or surrender them. Two million people are having to sleep outside their own homes. Strong partitioning walls in shelters increase safety, and the problem of sanitation is being solved very rapidly.

AFRICAN GOVERNORS CONFER

The Governors of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and the Acting Resident of Zanzibar, met in conference at Nairobi yesterday.

An official statement issued at the conclusion of the meeting stated that they had agreed on the formation of an East African Supply Board, to control imports of currency, exchange and supplies for civil needs.

They also agreed on procedure to be adopted for dealing with post-war problems on an East African basis.

Military discussions, attended by the G.O.C., were also held during the conference.—Reuter.

cost about £600, and counsel for the defence said that unless Mr. Gee could get cash or credit from somewhere he could not possibly build it.

MUST BUILD SHELTER

For failing to comply with a notice of the Marylebone Council to provide air-raid shelter for 140 persons in a commercial building in Bolsover Street, W., Stephen G. Gee was fined £5 and three guineas costs at Marlborough Street. He was ordered to build the shelter within six weeks. The shelter was estimated to

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WINTER BUS CURFEW

London's buses—except special ones for late workers—will stop running at ten or eleven o'clock at night during the winter months. The Tubes, however, will run till a later hour.

This was announced by Mr. T. E. Thomas, general operations manager of London Transport.

Mr. Thomas said that as the days became shorter the evening rush hour would become earlier, and the Board was preparing for the peak period to begin about 3.30 p.m.

They found that evening traffic was much more concentrated than before, and traffic which normally would be spread over two hours, was now concentrated into one hour.

Buses loaned by the provinces and Scotland will assist in the restoration of all Green Line coach routes and the strengthening of auxiliary services, added Mr. Thomas. More than 400 buses had already reached London from the provinces.

Express buses would be placed on ten additional routes. "Sheltering in the Tubes is being placed on an orderly basis, so

HER GUESTS HIT-PARTY WAS HELD

By A Special Correspondent

TWO MINUTES after she had taken names of a number of R.A.F. boys for the party she was throwing, a girl answered the phone at a first-aid reception post. "Casualty list," said a voice.

She took down the names of some of the boys who were to have been guests. Showing no trace of her emotion, Miss Gladys Ayling, twenty, of North London, went out to receive them, passed from stretcher to stretcher. First she saw the terribly injured body of "Crid," then there was "Dick" and "Dannie," and "Mick" and others.

that the least possible inconvenience will be occasioned to travellers," said Mr. Thomas.

"The Board has agreed to the erection of three-tier bunks at the stations. This will increase the accommodation available.

Mr. Thomas said the supply of refreshments to shelterers had already begun, and it was expected that the service would involve the employment of a staff of 1,000.

If you want to know the easiest way to get to your work or to your home, you can ask one of the new information bureaux now being set up in various London districts

To those who were conscious she murmured words of comfort, and gently stroked their faces.

All night long Gladys went on coolly with the work at her post.

During the night she and her friend, Miss Mollie Wick found the dog mascot of the unit, Boss.

They tended to his wounds and Gladys took him home with her.

Soon after daylight the two girls drove round the hospitals. To Dick and Dannie they took flowers, food and cigarettes.

Mick was allowed to leave hospital. He went to Gladys's home to the party.

Later in the day Jackie, who despite his injuries had refused to go to hospital, arrived. He, too, had come for the party.

So, bravely, Gladys held her party. "They were such wonderful boys," Gladys told a reporter. "When they came to be stationed near my post Mollie and I thought they seemed so lonely that we decided to 'mother' them.

Her Friends

"We bought them crockery, and things to make their hut look homely.

"Several of the boys have been to my home, and we were all so happy that I decided to give a party.

"I went across to their station last night and we all talked about the party.

"I hadn't left them more than a couple of minutes when those German murderers dropped the bomb.

"I knew that there were casualties, but I didn't know it was the boys.

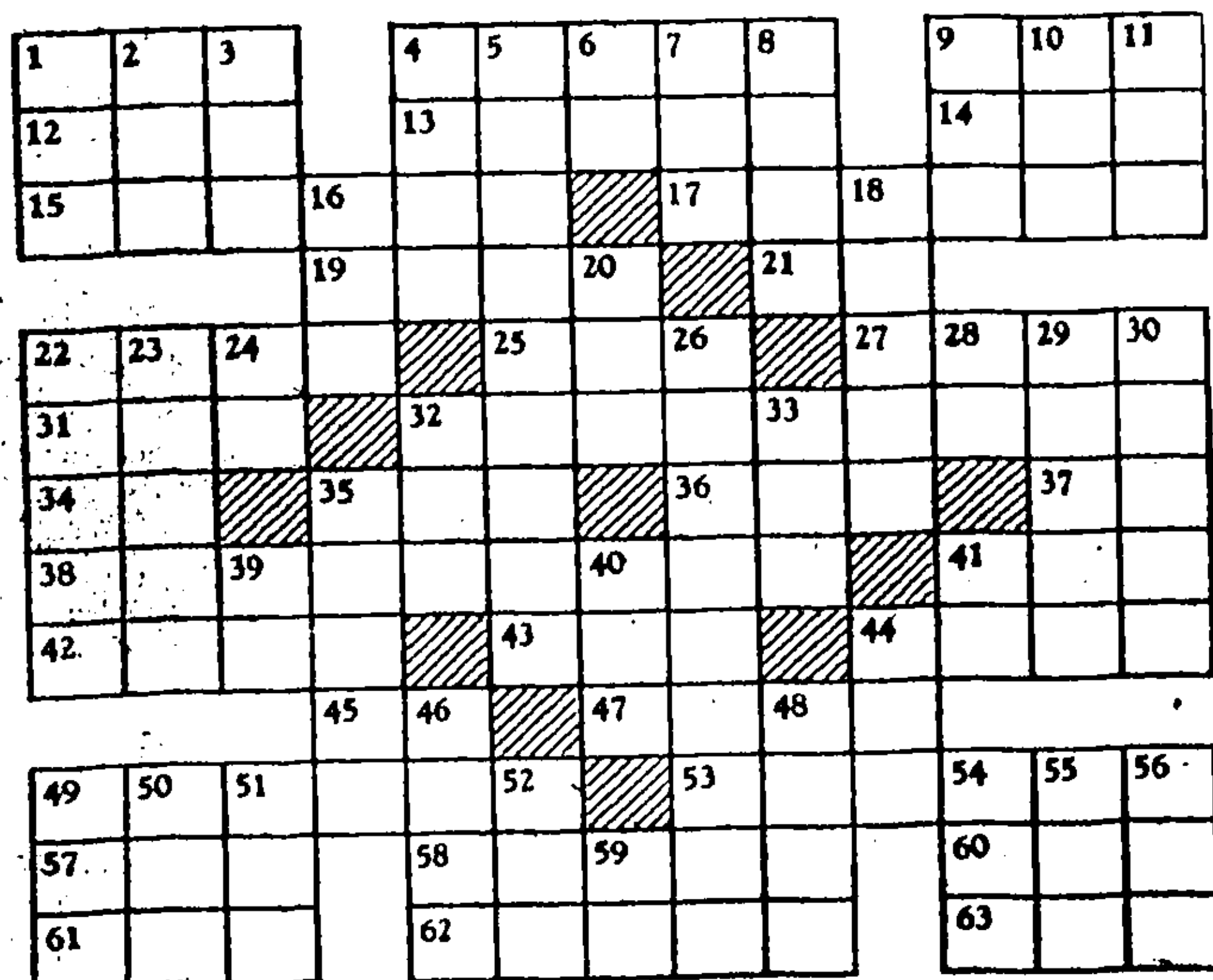
"I was there with my notebook ready to take the names—and the first seven I took were all my friends.

"I was absolutely stunned. It was heartbreaking. But we just have to carry on. It's our job—just keep smiling and make the best of things.

"I feel like a mother who has lost their sons—but I'll look after the boys who have escaped alive."

One of the airmen said: "Gladys is a real darling. She and Mollie—and Boss—were the sweet-hearts of the squad."

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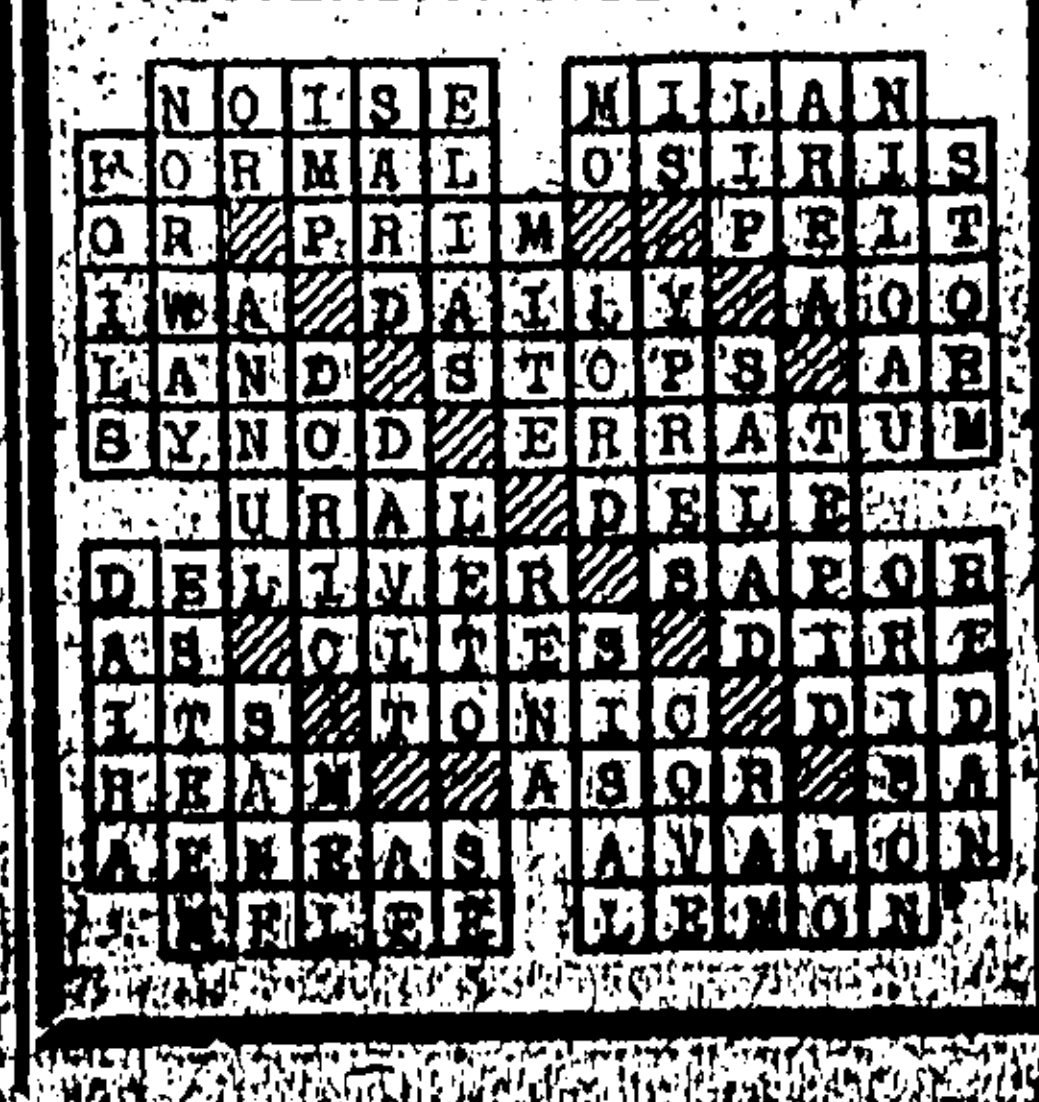
HORIZONTAL

- 1 The self
- 4 Live coal
- 9 To exhaust
- 12 Animal's foot
- 13 French river
- 14 Room in a harem
- 15 Ait
- 17 To affix firmly
- 19 Fruit
- 21 Land measure
- 22 Go away
- 23 The lily
- 27 Soon
- 31 Infant
- 32 Insipid
- 34 Truism
- 36 Either
- 37 Brazilian
- 38 Oak
- 39 Hall
- 40 Hats
- 41 Furrow
- 42 South American country
- 43 Hatch
- 44 Napping
- 45 French for 'what'
- 46 Faintness
- 47 Snow
- 48 Mountain

VERTICAL

- 1 Slender finial
- 2 Fuel
- 3 Nocturnal bird
- 4 Serf
- 5 Commemorative disk
- 6 Prefix: two
- 7 Girl's name
- 8 California rockfish
- 9 Exclamation of disgust
- 10 Battle
- 11 Pike-like fish
- 16 Likely
- 18 Wickerwork hamper
- 20 Inlet
- 22 Prevents
- 23 Anthozoan
- 24 Preposition
- 26 Pure
- 28 Greek letter
- 29 Offensive
- 30 Aerics
- 32 Wooden pin
- 33 Yellow bugle
- 35 Assessment
- 36 Toward
- 40 Block of wood
- 41 Egyptian deity
- 42 Garland
- 43 To strike
- 44 Otherwise
- 45 To surpass
- 46 Inebriant
- 47 Full
- 48 Man's name
- 49 Australian bird
- 50 Container
- 51 Chained
- 52 To clutch
- 53 Grumpy for

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

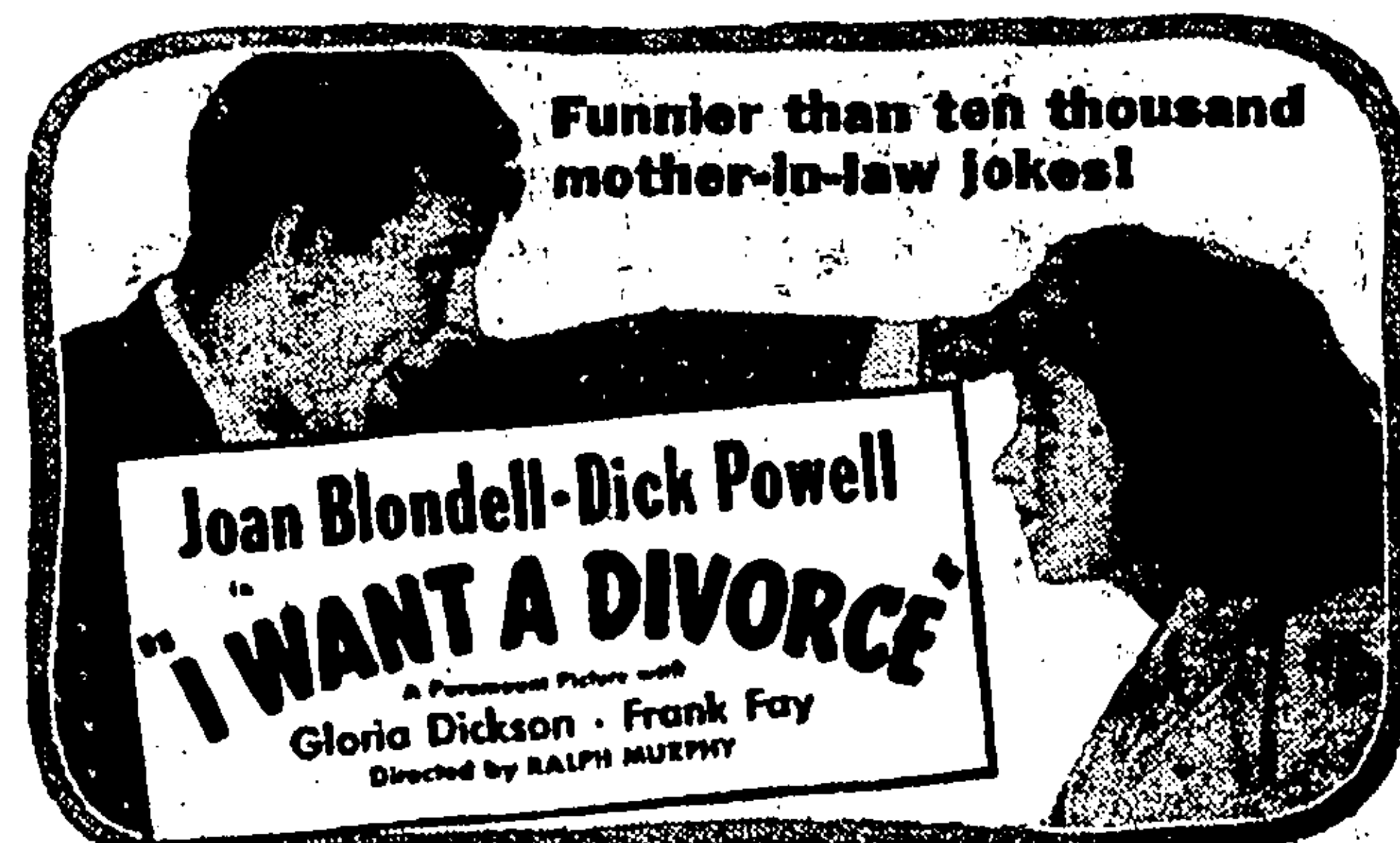


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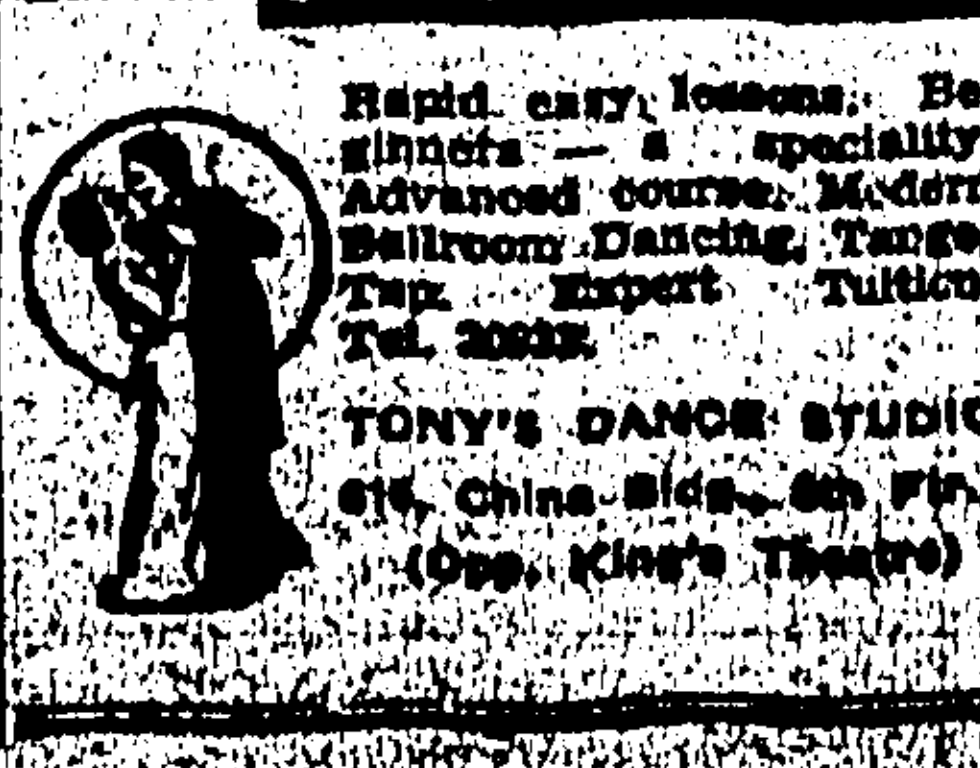
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BRITISH ACES KEEP DESERT WATCH

A VISIT TO OUR AIR UNITS in the Western Desert impresses one at the outset with the preparedness of the organisation and with the keenness of the personnel.

This time I came by sea on the maiden journey of a high-speed launch from Alexandria to the little port in the western desert which is to be its base, writes a special correspondent with the R.A.F. in the field.

The formations quartered here include one of the bomber and one of the fighter squadrons which have so magnificently attacked Graziani's bases. Both are composed of youngsters whose average age is 25.

They are wonderfully fit and alert, and it is a delight to watch their youthful spirits and to listen to them discussing the merits and demerits of respective machines and their hopes of being in action in the near future.

The squadron leaders are almost as young as the men they command, inordinately proud boys who similarly are deeply respectful of their commanders, whose prowess they so often have occasion to admire. The bomber squadron's leader is a distinguished general's son, only 28 years of age.

Leave Not Wanted

It may be mentioned as an illustration of the keenness of these air boys that when rest leave was introduced there was not a single voluntary response, because it was feared that opportunities might be missed.

Another trait I liked was the modesty of these lads. Nowhere did I hear a single word of self-praise or a voluntary statement of their achievements. One squadron has a little book in which the men themselves record anything which even approaches boastfulness.

Modesty of Pilot

An illustration of this modesty is the case of three bombers sent early in the afternoon to attack Sidi Barrani. After watching them land most skilfully in the dark we adjourned to the mess, to await the arrival of the pilots.

Time passed but nothing happened and on inquiring when we would be able to meet the pilots we found to our surprise that they had already come in, just as if they had been out for a stroll.

Not a word was said about the success with which they had just knocked out a considerable quantity of transport and supplies as photographs we saw later testified.

Here, too, is a graphic example of R.A.F. preparedness. While at lunch the fighter squadron's leader was called to the telephone by his group commander. A whispered word to his officers followed, and a score interrupted the meal and silently filed out. A few seconds later the drone of Hurricanes filled the air.

At The Alert

When I went out to the aerodrome I learnt that an alarm had been received and that the officers had gone out to man the planes either by standing by ready to follow within 90 seconds of the first take-off or ready as reserves available to follow in five or 10 minutes after the receipt of the final signal.

At breakfast-time recently a sudden downpour of rain, the first of the season, of torrential force and volume, quickly saturated the ground, which became a quagmire on which we slid about like ice.

It did not last long enough permanently to soak the earth, but it was sufficient to give an inkling of what Graziani's transport will suffer if the rains are allowed to catch up with the transportation of roads from the bases.

ULTRA-VIOLET RAYS

One of the most fascinating fields of electrical experimentation is with ultra-violet radiation. Ultra-violet rays produce remarkable effects on many minerals and common everyday objects. Many substances, when viewed under ultra-violet light in a dark room, fluoresce or glow in startling fashion. In addition to the purely theatrical effects obtainable these rays have many practical applications. To mention but one: certain chemicals dissolved in water can be used for invisible writing, which becomes clearly visible when exposed to ultra-violet radiation. This principle is used to-day in invisible laundry marks stamped on clothing.

There are several effective sources of ultra-violet light. First of all is the Argon lamp. These bulbs, when screwed into the usual electric light socket, give off a light rich in ultra-violet rays. Many substances, when viewed under the light of an Argon bulb, will fluoresce with striking brilliance. However, to get the most effective results from an Argon bulb it is best to place a filter between the Argon bulb and the object to be examined. This filter is made of a special glass which absorbs most of the ordinary light and passes only the ultra-violet light. When this is done, a great many other substances will fluoresce. Another source of ultra-violet rays lies in the use of a special incandescent lamp, the bulb of which is constructed of a special filtering glass. When this bulb is inserted into the electric light socket and turned on, most of the visible light is absorbed by the glass and only the ultra-violet light shines through.

The third source of light which, however, is much more expensive, is a mercury vapour tube used in connection with a suitable filter. The mercury vapour arrangement will deliver a higher intensity of ultra-violet light.

Fluorescent Substances

Of the easily secured fluorescent chemicals, the ones giving the most striking effects are uranium nitrate, quinine sulphate, eosin, rhodamine and sodium salicylate. Sodium salicylate is found in considerable quantity in the ordinary aspirin tablet. Quinine sulphate gives a pale blue fluorescence in powder form, but when dissolved in water together with a small amount of citric acid, it glows brilliantly. This solution can be used for invisible writing and is completely invisible under ordinary lighting.

Eosin fluoresces a pale yellow colour when dissolved in water. With rhodamine a red fluorescent effect is obtained, which is very effective. Rhodamine may be dissolved either in alcohol or water. When dissolved in alcohol, a little shellac may be added to make a fluorescent paint for use on signs or pictures which will show up very strikingly under ultra-violet light.

Among the common household objects which can be used for experiments are such things as the glass sections on shirts, ordinary kitchen glassware (particularly green glassware), milk cans, oil cans, butter tins, and even toilet bowls. These can be made fluorescent by the use of

EVACUEE MET HER DADDY

British troops, newly arrived, were marching along a street in Capetown.

Child evacuees from Britain were among the cheering crowds who lined the route.

Suddenly a little girl, a Londoner, dashed from the pavement and, excitedly shouting, "Daddy!" flung her arms around one of the soldiers.

Thus were a father and daughter reunited after thousands of miles from home. Neither knew that the other was in South Africa.

The commanding officer was so impressed with the dramatic meeting that he gave the father one day's special leave to celebrate.

Details of the moving scene have been given in a letter received by a Blackburn business man from his daughter, a nurse in South Africa.

HONG KONG GIFT TO RED CROSS

A further sum of £2,000 has been remitted to the British Red Cross, England, out of the balance of funds with the Hon. Treasurer of the British War Organisation. This makes a total of £30,528/8/ to date.

In addition, ten cases of hospital supplies, woollen garment and old clothes have been shipped to British Red Cross, England, and one case of woollen garment to the Royal Naval Depot by the courtesy of the Glen Line Ltd. A beginning has also been made with supplies to the Middle East Shipments to date have reached a total of 202 cases.

The following appeared in the latest fortnightly Summary of Work issued by the British Red Cross:—

"During the two weeks ending 5th October, the Central Hospital Service Supply Department received more than 10,000 gifts from overseas and nearly 33,000 from Home sources. The largest consignment came from Hong Kong, it contained 6,790 items."

bler of water. When placed under ultra-violet light the solution fluoresces a brilliant pink. The fluorescent action is due to the quinine in the water. Ordinary vaseline fluoresces a bright blue colour, as do most lubricating oils. A novel make-up effect is had under the ultra-violet lamp by smearing a small dab of vaseline on the lips and cheeks. Probably the most startling effects of all are those which come with the finger nails, eye and hair when exposed to ultra-violet light. The nails turn a bright blue, the hair a brilliant pink.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

TOO MANY SCAPEGOATS

When so many of a dictator's right-hand men must step down, the dictator himself is in a questionable position. This must be the reaction of many Italians to the resignations of Fascist Italy's biggest names from the most important posts in that country's military and naval forces.

General Soddu's abandonment of the task he found too big for him in Albania seems to add point to the recent similar resignations of Marshal Badoglio, Admiral Cavagnari and General de Vecchi.

Badoglio was quite the most outstanding military figure in Italy, and popular among the ranks of the Italian soldiery. His removal may have had adverse effects on the morale of Italian troops and thus may be a minor blunder added to the major blunders which have led to the wholesale shake-up.

Badoglio was not an ardent Fascist, but the shake-up was not simply a party matter, whatever part internal strains have played in it. Admiral Cavagnari was a Fascist, and to him went credit for modernising Italy's Navy. Possibly Il Duce felt that under him the Italian Navy had not lived dangerously enough though danger was sufficiently present even within the harbour at Taranto.

General de Vecchi, Governor of the Dodecanese Islands, was one of those famous Fascists that took part in the March on Rome. But the Dodecanese Islands, which should be an Italian threat to anti-Axis Turkey, are today in danger themselves. Il Duce needs reassurance that they are in the hands of an able military leader.

These and General Soddu's resignation tell the Italian people what they may have suspected but were never permitted to read in military dispatches. The "purge" reveals Premier Mussolini in need of a flock of scapegoats for the course of the war in Greece and the Mediterranean. It confirms the opinion of the outside world that the Italian reverses are having important effects inside Italy; but few observers would have estimated these effects in such terms as Il Duce now advertises them.

They are an outcome of premature moves by the Italian dictator. The first of these was Italy's entry into the war when the fall of France was imminent.

"What's the good of war? It's no good at all. A bunch of sharps and crooks make the wars. I'm against it all, have nothing to do with it," said Henry Ford, sitting on the horsehair sofa in the old replanted Clinton Inn at Dearborn, his native place, now the centre of the world's biggest motor works, which he has created.

"But didn't I see your people driving piles for a building to make 4,000 Pratt and Whitney engines for warplanes?" I asked.

"That's the plant," said Mr. Ford with a hard twinkle. "I've got an alibi." He would not discuss the matter except to say two things about his refusal to make the Rolls-Royce engines, of which two-thirds of the output were to go to the British. He said that "that man" (Mr. Roosevelt) wanted to go on making war and get everything going his way. "I'm against helping him do that," said Mr. Ford. "And another reason is that I don't like the Rolls engine; I've got a better one."

'Knocking Their Heads'

Mr. Ford, however, was wearing a friend (said for the first time) a Willie button. But Willie was for all aid to Britain. Was he with Willie in that? Mr. Ford shook his head. "War was all wrong. You could get around a table and settle the whole thing." I suggested that that was the beginning of the trouble. The British believed in peace so thoroughly that they got around a table in Munich and then Hitler broke the agreement they made there and seized Czechoslovakia. Could anyone sit around a table with a man who never kept agreements? Would Mr. Ford sit around a table if the Communists seized his works? He replied that he had never seen a real Communist and was doubtful if there was one. He had seen plenty that called themselves Communists. Later he remarked that you had to have a big defence power so that you could knock together the heads of the fellows who were making all the trouble, but later he doubted defence too.

Mr. Ford, like many another idealist, was clearly at odds with himself under the pressure of the shattering events in Europe and the menace of the Nazi power that was against everything (except perhaps mechanisation) that he himself cared for. He did not conceal his liking for England and spoke of the United States as the "big brother." We had the same language and everything. I had said something about the strong, hefty-looking workmen on the assembly line at his Rouge River works, and he replied that the men at Dagenham, in England ("the biggest factory in the world under one roof"), were every bit as good, healthy, upstanding men. "All in one model too — English."

German Efficiency

But what seemed recurring to his mind was the mechanical or-

The second was Italy's venture in Greece, undertaken without sufficient preparation. Both of these moves are said to have been opposed by Badoglio and other military experts. If Il Duce sought to copy Hitler's way of moving ahead of the advice of his generals and yet coming out on the right side, then the Italian leader has damaged his prestige not only at home and among "neutrals" but in Berlin as well.

The shake-up is significant of what has happened in Italy as well as elsewhere since the beginning of the Greek war. It is no sign that Italy can be counted out of the war and should not raise false optimism among friends of freedom. Some of the new appointments promise a more vigorous and venturesome policy. But for the time being, Il Duce stands as his own supreme scapegoat.

The Ideas Of Mr. Henry Ford

A Revealing Interview

By the "Manchester Guardian" Correspondent, James Bone

organisation and ability of the German people. "When the Germans left Belgium and France after the last war," he said, "they had improved the working there by 25 per cent in the method and plant of the factories." He returned to the point once or twice and said that "war was the best worse thing that can happen." But he hated it. The English people did not work hard enough. The Americans did not work as hard as they should either.

I accused him of forming his opinion, as so many distinguished Americans did, from Mayfair dinner tables. Had he ever been to the Clyde, where they made ships that the world knew about, or Leeds and Bradford, where they made the woollens that all Americans wanted to buy? Had he ever visited Manchester apart from his own works there?

Mr. Ford admitted that he had never been in Scotland or Leeds and Bradford and that he hadn't seen much of Manchester, but he insisted he had seen a lot of England and he had visited plenty of farms, and some of them were very good.

One got the impression that the industrialist leader was in one of the phases that had come to him several times in his life. He had said that he always knew in time when he was on the wrong track. Then he would stop and make a new decision. He had stopped on his course and made some momentous decisions in the past. Would he do so again? No, one, they say, influences Mr. Ford, but if he is turning towards aid to Britain he would be going in the same direction as his kindly and charming wife. They celebrated their golden wedding two years ago.

A Children's Service

The conversation was continued next day at the Ford mansion in the Dearborn grounds, where I had also the privilege of meeting Mrs. Henry Ford, whose mother came from Warwick. The other persons present were Mr. Ford's distinguished doctor and a friend. My appointment was to meet him at half-past eight in the morning at the little "Martha and Mary" church — named after his mother and his wife — at Dearborn, in the rural precinct where sheep and horses survive and there are old London statues and revolutionary period inns and shops. I noticed that he got out of his motor before it stopped.

A tall, spare, active, high-shouldered figure in a grey suit with a Macdonald tie and a halguard for his watch, he looks at you with a half-serious, half-quizzical expression. He is not taking your questions very seriously and you are not to take all his replies too seriously. He has a natural dignity and does not stand on it. He has none of the great man's sense of importance; he expects no special deference. "I'll go up first," he said, and he ran up the narrow gallery stair like a youth. "I wish I could run upstairs like that," I said at the top. "Ah, maybe I was just showing off," said Mr. Ford with a grin.

He put me to sit in the front row and sat behind me in the second row watching the service. There was a pause at one time before the children began to sing. "They're waiting for the go-ahead," he said. It was a chapel of children from the Ford school near by with Mr. Ford's plan of undenominational service. It included the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments in verse, some hymns, and two recitations about Columbus — it was Columbus Day, — one by a boy and one by a girl, and secular songs. "My Bonnie lies over the ocean," and "America the Beautiful," all very patiently and prettily sung. None of the children looked up at Mr. Ford. Teachers also were in the gallery.

Farming In England

We filed out and after a talk with the teachers walked across the grass to the Clinton Inn, an old Michigan roadside hostelry replanted here and replenished with period furniture and pictures. Mr. Ford made me sit on the horsehair sofa and sat himself at the other end and we talked. It was very friendly, homely, disputative talk, probably in some way hatched in the vein of talk that passed on that sofa when it was new. People didn't work hard enough in England, why didn't they? He had not much to say about the Jews. He had not much to say about the Jews. He had not much to say about the Jews.

Sassoon's house in London. There were a lot of people there, and he had asked Churchill, "Why don't you work the land?" It was in 1930.

Churchill (said Mr. Ford) said that they could not raise enough food; they had to buy their food and make things to sell to other people, and that kind of talk. I told him they should raise their own food. The next day I went to find a farm to buy it and prove it. I bought one for about a million dollars at Boreham, it was called, out of London. It was an old mansion place, about three square miles of land, some of it swampy. And we raised plenty of food and made it pay the first year. It's going on now; the girls are running it. I don't say they can't farm in England — I saw some fine farms — but they're too small.

Mr. Ford talked about the small tractors ploughing the field we had passed. They did the work whatever the lie of the soil and kept steady. We had seen a host of them on fields working at twenty miles an hour. Mr. Ford was enthusiastic about these hydraulic ploughs, invented by Mr. Ferguson, the famous North of Ireland engineer, who worked with the Ford organisation. They would change a lot of things in agriculture all over the world. From that he passed to soya beans, which the Ford estate is cultivating on a big scale, and he showed fine wool made from them — I did not, however, see the Ford suit made from the wool — and rough, strong fibre stuff, then to plastics from the bean, and the great man's face lit up as he spoke of cars that would be made of plastic, half the weight of the present car.

Animals And Survival

He returned to animals and his well-known doubts of four-footed animals as qualifying for survival. One of these days we would probably get quit of them. The cow's chance of survival particularly seemed thin. Following this train of thought he asked with a mischievous flash if I'd heard of the dog that was in the papers that insisted on always walking on two legs. I wonder what the old horsehair sofa would have thought of such heresy.

Constantly he returned to the land and how it could be better used for the good of mankind. I remembered one of the mottoes on the walls of the gigantic rotunda where the new models and globe of the world — showing the territory of Fordlandia, in Brazil, where the Ford rubber estates are now developing — are displayed, which seemed to crystallise the great mechanic's code — "With one foot on the land and one on industry, America is safe." One wondered if there was ever another great industrialist who put the land first, as Henry Ford does. Incidentally, his policy of settling units of twenty-five men in villages where there is a stream that can be dammed to give power so that they can make bolts and nuts and small gadgets has brought money and life into many decaying parts of rural Michigan.

The talk ranged from beavers' teeth and exercise to heaven ("When you're there you'll want to get back here pretty quick — you'll want to get to your work") and reincarnation. And in all, he said you felt that you were with an "original" in the old sense of the word when most communities had a man who had his own original conceptions compared with whom other people seemed like standardised types. Queer it was to think that the man who had produced more movable objects exactly alike than anyone else in the world should himself be unlike anyone else. He would advance outrageous propositions and sit back to see how you took them, and he would propound ideas about the Jews and about the press that left one speechless.

The Jews

"You can't believe anything in the papers; maybe some of it's the truth but not the whole of it," he said. While confident that Hitler "was a dub, just a dub," he hinted darkly about people behind Hitler. One could not be sure how seriously these theories were held. The best he would say about the Jews, was that you could not do without them. "The Gentiles wouldn't work if the Jews weren't here."

Like many another, he had entertained his mind with ideas about Jews. He had not much to say about the Jews. He had not much to say about the Jews.

a former life and what we gathered in this life to pass on to help other people on to a next life. It's the sum of what we carry on from our generation to another that makes the essence of experience the thing. As we passed on to a lighter vein I asked if in a future incarnation he would not bother making old-fashioned things like motor-cars and would concentrate on aeroplanes? He said he didn't know anything about that or what he would be like in another life. "The only thing is," said Henry Ford, "that I'd like to be sure of getting the same wife."

But although holding himself aloof from the Ford workshops in producing the 4,000 Pratt and Whitney warplane engines Mr. Ford is working with his characteristic concentration on a civil aeroplane of a new type. He intimated that it would have a gyroscope that would take it up and land in, say, the floor space of that small inn; go right away and so save all the power wasted on rising and landing. The engines would be in the wings and a lot of the exhaust would be saved. It would have a lot of new points. He was working on models. So the life of future generations may be immensely affected by what Henry Ford is devising in his present incarnation, just as his motor-cars have affected the life of the generation that is now passing. He had only been in a plane himself three times, twice with Lindbergh.

Motor-Cars

One part of Henry Ford's achievements that particularly impressed me was the biological difference he had made to the United States by enlarging the area of marriage selection of rural communities from a buggy ride to a motor-car ride — say from ten miles to a hundred and fifty — and so made the meeting-pot really melt.

Mr. Ford, as in everything discussed, where there was a side of self-appreciation brushed that aside. It had made a difference, he said. "The motor-car is the greatest educator we've got. A man takes his family 500 miles in his car on holiday and they meet another family from the other side that has come the same distance. They talk together, tell their experiences to one another, and back they go to pass some of it on to their home folks. That's good mixing." The radio was doing the same thing. I suggested that the motor-car had prevented the United States from having a peasantry. He said everyone came into towns now, and perhaps too much.

The Ford Peace Ship. We came to that at last as an instance of how a man gathers lasting experiences. He recalled Miss Jane Addams and the idea of the Peace Ship in the last war to get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas. There were 25 or 26 women on board and a lot of discussion. They got to Denmark, and the newspaper folk came on board and they talked and talked. The result of all this was that Mr. Ford got an idea of forces and schemers he did not know of behind the war, so he left the ship and went back to the United States. He had 100 days of it all. It cost him \$400,000, but the experience was worth it.

Energy And Freshness

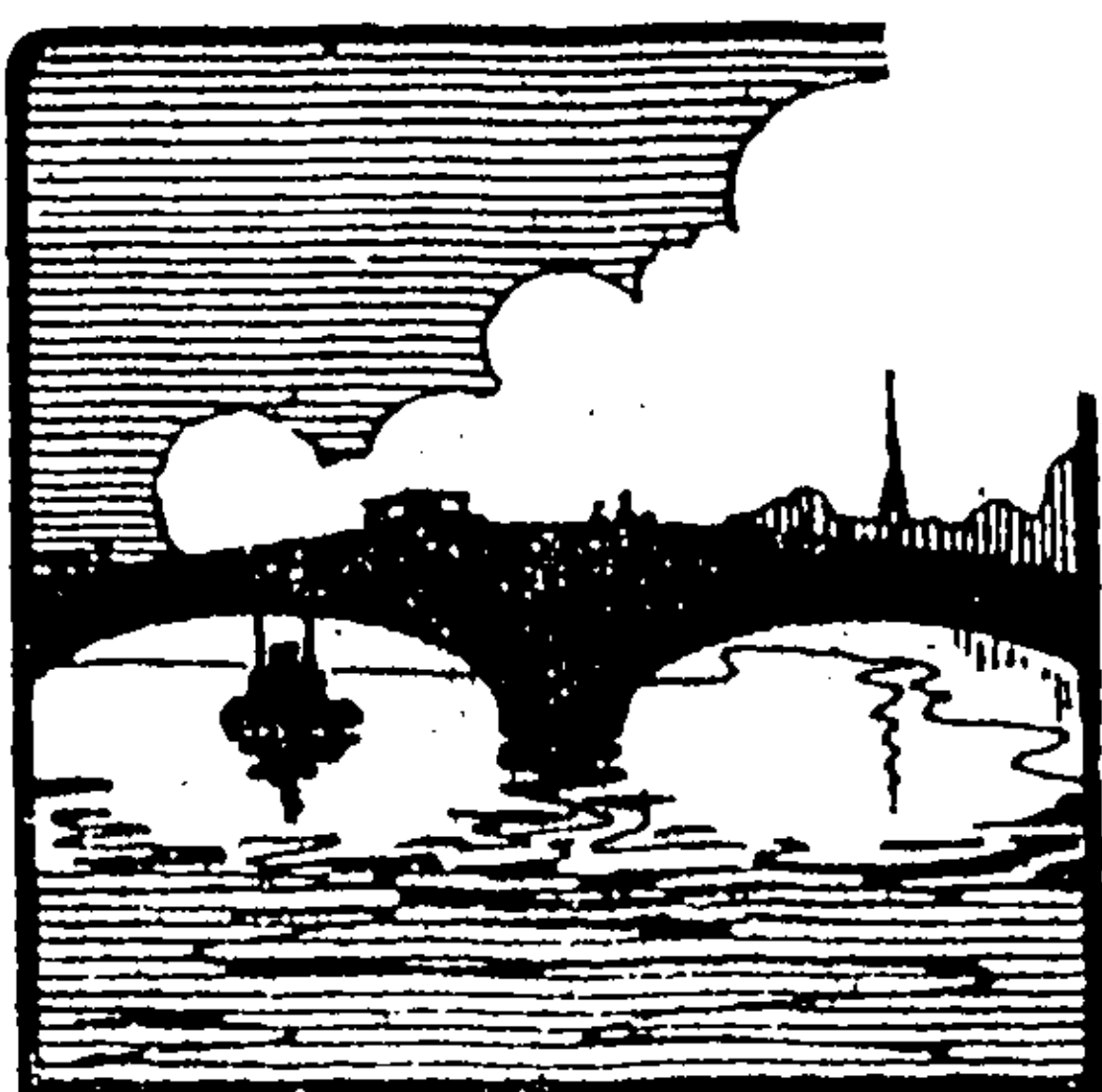
It is not possible to give an idea of the energy, ingenuity, freshness of mind, naivete in many ways, originality, native wit and business shrewdness, optimism tinged with realistic experience, kindness and flinty hardness, and a strange kind of humbleness ("I'm just a tool") in this industrial king. His face in repose has that remote look that we call ascetic and is seen frequently in religious people. It is the expression of the rare will-power that can produce periods of complete mental concentration, an expression one would recall well on the faces of Arthur Keith, the great anthropologist, and John Buchan, the writer. "Faith is what we gather from experience," said Henry Ford.

He is seventy-seven, and although he cannot touch his toes — he tried to do so in the Clinton Inn that day — he can do a couching exercise at a chair that few people can do at fifty and can still run a hundred yards and dance old-fashioned dances with his wife at the Ford parties. He plans, as I have said, an aeroplane for the world at peace. He is still a great force in the industry of the world. Will he ultimately turn his genius and that industry to the aid of democracy in its peril?

I said my say and we shook hands. "You're hide-bound," said Henry Ford, and he added after a pause, "Maybe I'm hide-bound, too."

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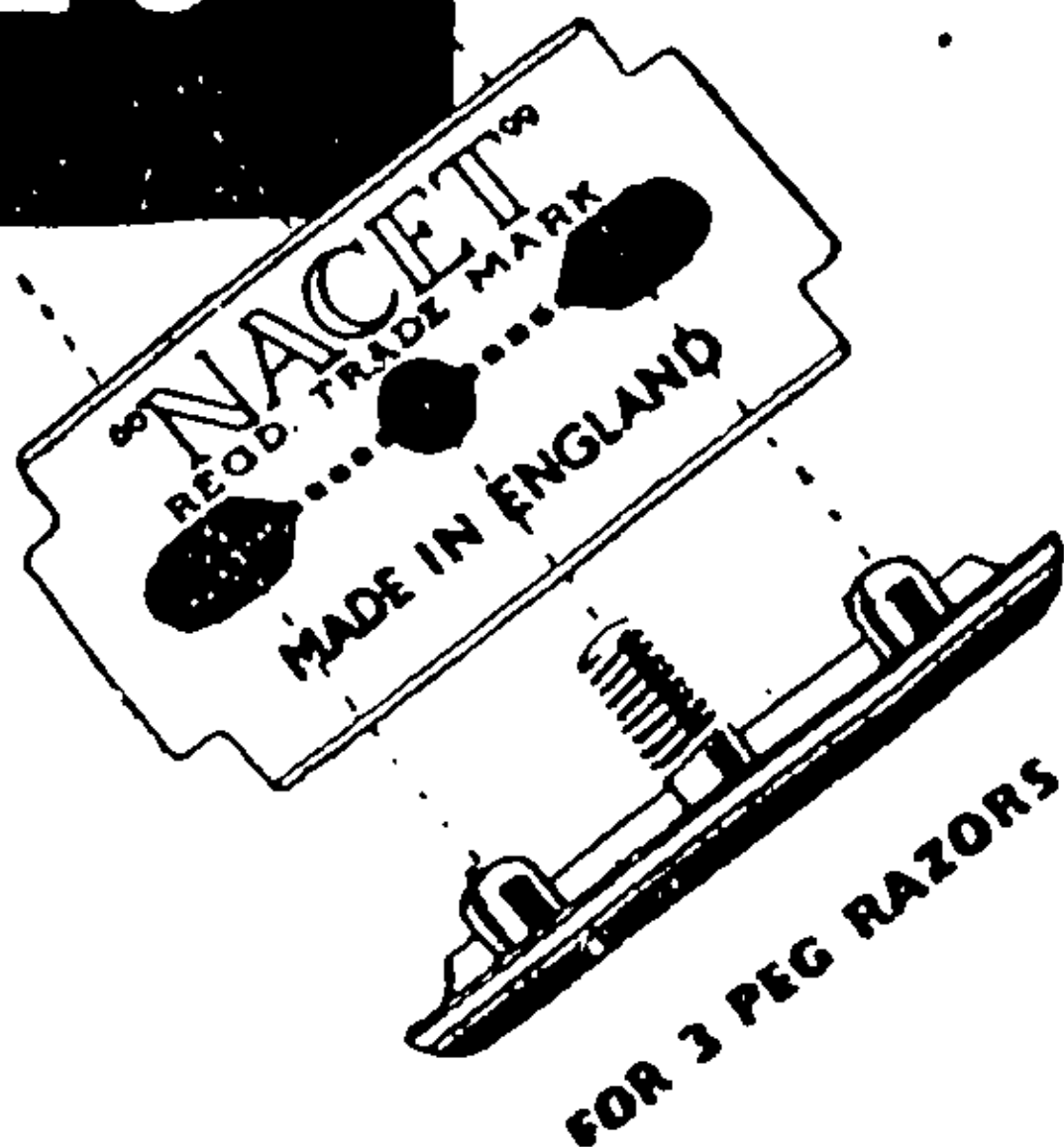
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"This Man Reuter," will be welcomed by all who have been intrigued by the magic word, Reuter, that appears so regularly at the foot of column after column of timely and authoritative cables, serving as an unimpeachable credential for the most reliable news despatches to reach the press of this city; for it throws a most interesting spotlight on the dynamic personality whose name has become synonymous with honesty and impartiality in news reporting.

"Louis Pasteur," "Alexander Graham Bell," "Edison the Man" and similar screen biographies have already made the picture-going public acquainted with the life stories of famous men who were previously but names; "This Man Reuter" does this, of course, but it does something more also; for it shows a world in transition from the days when news travelled at the rate of a galloping horse to those in which it "puts a girdle round the earth" in 30 seconds.

Established Pigeon Post

Back in the forties of last century, a young bank clerk in the town of Cassel whose principal job was to receive and copy market quotations could not help noticing how dependent his employers were on the rates they received from other cities.

To turn this discovery of his to good account, Julius Reuter resigned his position and went to Aix-la-Chapelle where he established a pigeon post between that place and the city of Brussels, which was the terminal of the Paris telegraph service. In this way he got market information which he was able to sell several hours ahead of the regular mail that came by post-horses.

The success of this initial venture encouraged him to try wider fields and to add news gathering to his stock quotations. Paris was his first stopping place, but he found the political situation there unfavourable and moved on to London, where he spent the rest of his life.

From two rooms in a ricketty old building in Old Jewry, he started a news service that was at first confined to the merchant circles with whom he had become acquainted in Aix-la-Chapelle. From that he began to branch out by instructing his correspondents in Germany, France and the Netherlands to send him items of general interest as well.

When he considered that he had secured sufficient coverage to make his service of real value, he approached "The Times" and after many months of weary negotiation was able to persuade that staid and sober journal to accept one month's service free of charge on the condition that they ran the now-famous Reuter News Service under every item they used. Before the month was up, he was able to provide "The Times" with its first scoop.

Cornered Cable Service

Considerable tension existed between Austria and France and the whole world was waiting for the speech which Emperor Napoleon III was to make at the opening of the French Legislature.

Reuter went to Paris himself, talked the Ministry into giving him an advance copy of the speech on condition that he did not use it until the Emperor actually began to speak and then cornered the cable service to London for the all-important half hour.

As the Emperor spoke, his words went out over the wire and "The Times" had an extraordinary lead on the speech before any other paper were able to get it.

Paris cable office.

This, of course, established the still young man as the leader in his chosen profession. To relate how he kept that leadership and how the renowned Reuters News Service still maintains that proud position is to tell the history of modern journalism.

VICARS DISAGREE ON VISION OF 'ANGELS'

Convinced of the reality of the "Christ and Angels" vision, said to have been seen in the sky by the people of Firle, Sussex, the vicar of the neighbouring village of Glynde has publicly contradicted the view of the vicar of Firle that the affair is "non-sense."

The vicar of Glynde, the Rev. J. R. Lawson, stated in his church: "I think those people who say they saw the vision were too much in earnest to be discredited. After all, our Christian religion is based on the vision of Bethlehem, which was only seen by a few."

"Therefore, why should not the story of apparently quite earnest people living to-day be equally believed? I certainly think the vision was seen and I only wish I had seen it myself."

The vicar of Firle, who does not believe in the vision, is the Rev. A. G. Gregor.

BLAZING CAR RIDDLE: THREE DIE TRAPPED

THREE PEOPLE WERE killed in an accident which no one saw when they were trapped in their car, which overturned and caught fire about three miles from Pontypool, on the main road to Aber-gavenny, recently.

Victims were Regimental Sergeant-Major James Truman Howell, forty-one, his wife, Mrs. May Howell, forty, and their six-year-old daughter Annetta, of Spencer Road, Newport Mon.

Firemen, police, soldiers and civilians tried to extinguish the fire with buckets filled from a ditch, but they were beaten back by the intense heat.

When the fire was eventually brought under control the three charred bodies were recovered. One of the first on the scene was a bus driver, Cecil Williams, who attacked the flames with a fire extinguisher.

Blaze Unapproachable

A wide area round the car was on fire and it was impossible to get near the car, he said.

THE SWORD OF FREE MEN

The Crusader's sword in the hand of King Richard, bent but not broken when his statue outside Westminster Hall was bombed, should never be straightened.

Thus Britons will for ever be reminded that a free people may bend under attack but will never break.

Mr. Vincent Massey, High Commissioner for Canada, made this suggestion in a radio speech recently.

"King Richard," he said, "fought to free the Holy Sepulchre as now we fight to save human life itself from degradation. I hope that avenging sword will never be straightened."

"So let it stand, a people's sign and token."

Figured in bronze for all free men to see—

The sword of Lionheart, though bent not broken,

In this new warfare of God's chivalry."

Mr. Massey told of a little old lady in Saskatchewan, on the Canadian prairies, who is 102 years of age and has knitted her 102nd pair of socks for men serving with the Forces.

She was typical of the spirit of Canada.

For some reason at present unknown the vehicle had careened into a bank.

The police believe a cyclist was near the scene at the time. Sergeant-Major Howell was well known throughout Wales as a freelance Press and society photographer. He served during the last war and until he took up freelance photography, he was clerk to the officer in command of the old Welsh Border Infantry Brigade, with headquarters at Newport.

The only survivors of the family is a four-year-old son who was injured at the accident.

EPIC OF THE SEA

"WHAT MORE COULD A MAN WANT?"

(By A Special Correspondent)

THIS IS THE STORY of a little ship. The story has been written before in the annals of British naval history. It was immortalised when the Revenge set sail against the Spanish Fleet.

This time instead of Philip's fifty-three galleons the ship met twenty of Hitler's Heinkels, but the odds were much the same. She took them on single-handed just as her predecessor tackled the Dons 350 years ago.

Her commander was a little bald man with a quiet voice. A few months ago he was a university lecturer. Then he became a Lieutenant in the R.N.V.R. But he was bred in the same tradition as Sir Richard Grenville. He had the same motto, "Fight on!"

Fired On Nazis

He deliberately fired on a wave of Nazi bombers to keep them from sinking a convoy and diverted their attention for twenty minutes.

They dropped their bombs on him instead of on the merchant ships.

With his little 4.4 gun he brought down one Nazi plane before Spitfires chased the rest back to the French coast.

The little ship was leaking badly. On her deck were dead and dying men. Her guns were out of action.

But her commander refused to abandon her. Somehow he managed to get her back to an English port.

Somehow he lived to tell the tale of victory against impossible odds.

This is his story:

"We were out in the Channel, over thirty miles from land on a special mission. We had a crew of fifty.

"A convoy was passing in single file and we were near the tail of it.

"Suddenly the sky was black with enemy bombers. Three waves swooped to attack the convoy. We were just within range of the last twenty.

"We opened fire with our 4.4 gun. It worked. The Nazis were so annoyed that they turned and left the convoy and dropped their bombs on us.

"They hit every single thing on the ship it was possible to hit.

"Why they didn't send us straight to the bottom I can't imagine.

"For a few minutes it was difficult to realise what was happening amid the hail of bombs. But before they hit our gun we sent one of them crashing into the sea.

"The man on the bridge next to me was killed. I caught him as he fell and my uniform was soaked with his blood.

"About half the crew were on deck. Only about five of them escaped uninjured. The rest were killed or seriously hurt.

"Like A Colander"

"It was worth it all to see our Spitfires come up and chase the Jerries away. Those pilots are grand lads.

"But when they'd all gone, the ship was like a colander—it was so full of holes.

"The chief engineer crawled up on deck and said we should have to abandon ship as one boiler had gone.

"I told him we were going to make port and ordered him to get up steam somehow. He did it.

"It seemed like a miracle when we started moving, though we were limping along at about five knots.

"We had no doctor on board. One man's brains were sticking out of his head.

"Picking up a lump of cotton wool I bunged it on and put some plaster on it. They told me later it was the worst thing that could have been done, as cotton wool sucks out the blood.

"But by some amazing chance the man recovered in hospital.

"So instead of killing him I saved his life, though there's no credit for doing so.

"My instruments had all been smashed and our course had to be set by the sun. For more than thirty hours we just went on limping along. You can't guess what it felt like when they said land was in sight.

"Me?" For the first time the little man hesitated. "Oh, I was all right. Only a few cuts and scratches. But I'm no hero.

Promoted

I don't mind admitting that bombing shook me up a bit. My nerves were dicky for a few days, but they sent me straight back to work, and that was absolutely the best cure I could have had.

"Reward? Well, of course, I was pleased when the Admiral sent for me next day and congratulated me on bringing my ship in. I never expected that.

"But now I'm perfectly happy. They've made me a lieutenant-commander, so I've got promotion and a new command. I'll soon be back on the job again. What more could a man want?"

TRIBUNALS FOR THE RESERVED

Business executives, office workers and men in some other reserved occupations will no longer be automatically exempted from the Forces.

Each will soon have to satisfy a committee that his firm's work is of national importance, or that he cannot be replaced by another man or woman.

The setting up of advisory committees to consider this change in the reserved schedule is announced by the Ministry of Labour.

The first committee to get to work will examine the position of men in the London area who are registered as office or departmental managers—jobs for which the reserved age is thirty.

The advisory committee consists of Professor D. T. Jack, Professor of Economics at King's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne (chairman); Mr. J. S. McLean, a member of the executive council of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce; and Mr. W. Stott, former general secretary of the Railway Clerks' Association.

Six occupations are added to the reserved list. They are:

At thirty, Dry miller (cement manufacture) and cargo supervisor; at twenty-five, salvage manager or officer and assistant salvage manager or officer. Men in these jobs who are already in the Forces or called up will not be released.

WOMAN STRUCK BILLET OFFICER

Two women who did not want to take in evacuees were fined at Maidenhead, Berks, — one for hitting a billeting officer, the other for not obeying a billeting order.

Mrs. Ethel Florence Hicks, of St. Margaret's Road, was fined £1.

When a small boy was brought to her house she threw the billeting order to the ground and struck the officer.

She left a little boy with his bundle outside in the cold and her husband took the boy back to the billeting office.

"Husband Forbade It"

Mrs. Hicks said she already had one child evacuee and her husband had forbidden her to have another.

Mrs. Margaret Ashling, an elderly woman, of St. Antony's College Road, was fined £3. Though she has seven rooms she had escaped the inconvenience of billeting since June.

When a mother and her little boy went to the house they were refused admittance.

Billeting Officer Nora Grey said Mrs. Ashling pushed her downstairs and declared: "I won't have them."

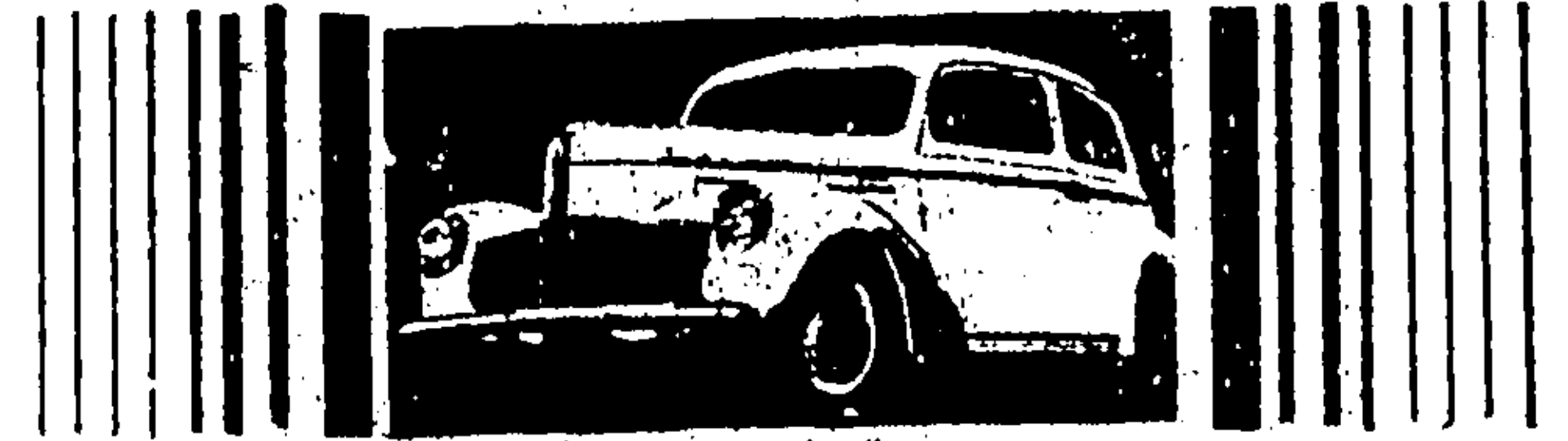
Mrs. Ashling said she had no one to look after them. Her maid looked after the house.

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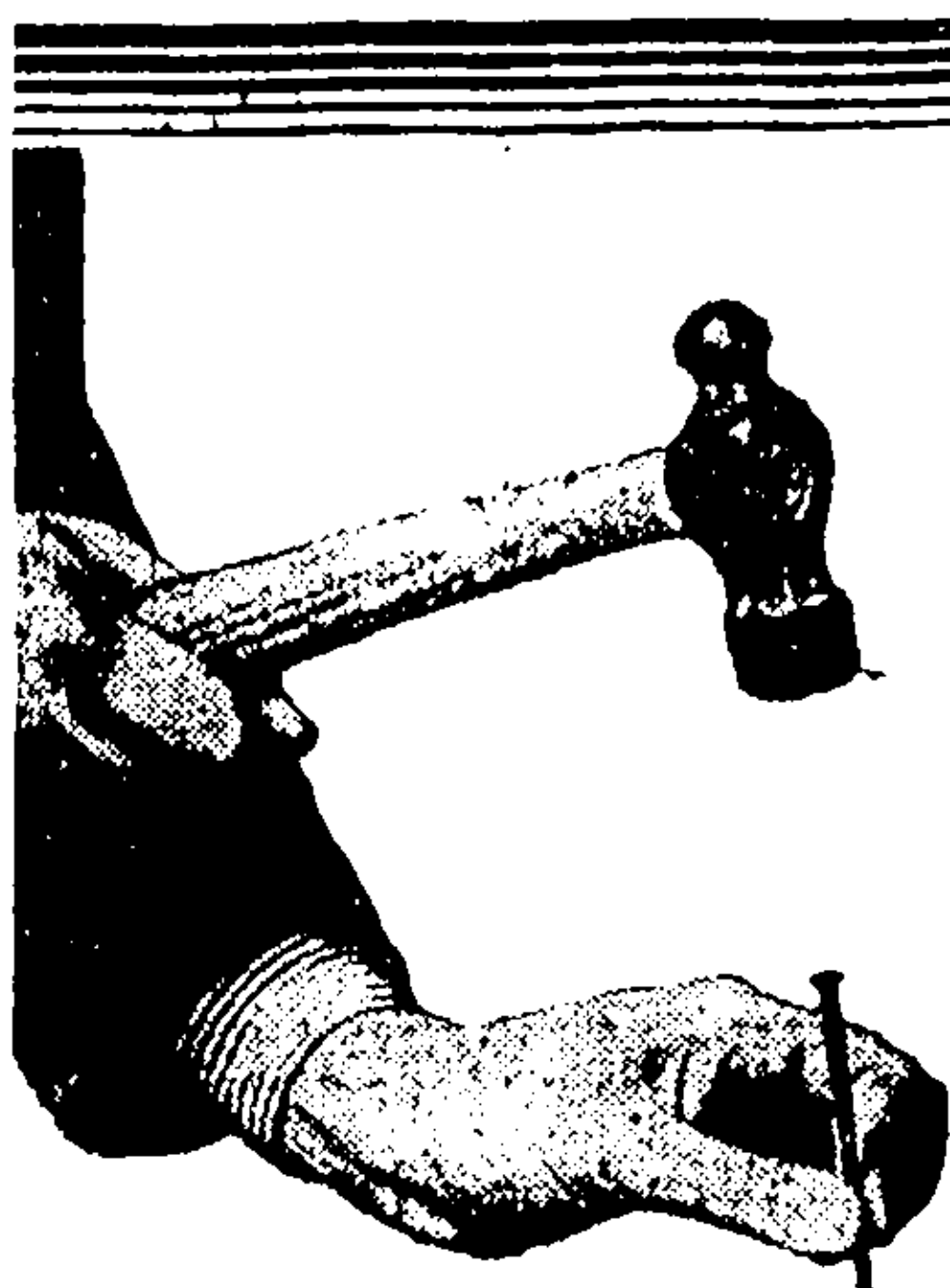
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BABY NO ONE WANTED

The story of Elizabeth starts dramatically enough for a novel—and there may be a happy ending, too.

Mrs. Mabel Lethbridge, of Oakley Street, Chelsea, answered a ring at her door and a young woman on the verge of hysterics thrust six-week-old Elizabeth into her arms.

The sobbing mother told Mrs. Lethbridge that soon after Elizabeth had been born a bomb wrecked her lodgings. She had spent her nights in public shelters, her days wandering the streets. She had no ration card for the child, no money to buy food. She had no idea what to do and had been on her way to the river.

Then, as Mrs. Lethbridge still nursed the child, the mother ran away.

Elizabeth was ill and dirty. Mrs. Lethbridge carried her inside her home, bathed her and tended her. Then she set about finding Elizabeth a home.

"We Can Do Nothing"

And this is what happened:—

A CHILD CLINIC: "We can do nothing because the mother refused to go away with the child."

A WORKHOUSE: "We advise you to tackle the head evacuation officer of the W.V.S."

The W.V.S.: "Nothing can be done with the child minus the mother."

The N.B.P.C.C.: "If the child has been abandoned we can do nothing. It is a case for the Poor Law authorities."

Dr. BARNARDO'S HOMES: "Such a case would need to come to us through the police."

Mrs. Lethbridge was almost desperate. "I went back to the relieving officer," she said. "He was extremely kind."

On his advice she applied to the "Save the Children Fund," who decided to forfeit the L.C.C. billeting allowance and offered a place in their home without payment.

Finally, the Canadian Red Cross came to the rescue. Without hesitation they forwarded a generous outfit for the baby, a shelter-suit, cradle and a rattle.

But there may be a happy ending. Some rich Americans have heard of Elizabeth's plight and they may adopt her.

Meantime, Mrs. Lethbridge still acts the role of foster-mother. "I do want Elizabeth to get a good home," she said. "I only wish I could keep her myself—she is such a lovely baby."

BRIDGE NOTES

CORRECT TECHNIQUE

By The Four Aces

South's method of playing for his three no-trump contract was a demonstration of correct technique:

South, Dealer

Neither side vulnerable

♠ K 9 2	♥ K 6	♦ J 6 2	♣ K Q 9 5 2
♠ Q 10 6 3	♥ Q 10 9 7	♦ 3	♣ 6
♠ J 7 4	♥ J 8 4 2	♦ 5 4	♣ A 10 8 4
♠ A 8 5	♥ A 5	♦ A K 10 9 8	♣ J 7 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass

West opened the ten of hearts, and South thought carefully before winning the trick. He had four sure tricks in the majors, and a successful diamond finesse would bring in five more. But if the diamond finesse lost, a heart return would knock out his last stopper, and an attempt to set up the ninth trick in clubs would allow the opponents to take the club Ace and cash three heart tricks at once.

There was less danger in attacking the clubs instead of the diamonds. For then he needed only a 3-2 break in clubs to establish four tricks in the suit, with six top cards in the other suits. There was, of course, danger of a 4-1 split in clubs but South decided to take care of that in another way.

He therefore won the first trick with dummy's King of hearts and returned a low club. East naturally played low, and South won with the club Jack. But now there was no longer any risk in switching to diamonds and there was considerable risk of a bad club break if he stuck to clubs. So South cashed the diamond Ace and returned to dummy with the spade King to lead the Jack of diamonds for a finesse. West took the diamond Queen and led another heart, but South was able to take nine tricks before giving up the lead again.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 7	♥ Q 8 5	♦ K 10 8 6	♣ K 10 8 7
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The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. You have supporting cards in your partner's suits and good stoppers in the unbid suits. If your partner has more than a minimum opening bid, there should be a good play for game.

Score 100% for two no-trump, 40% for three hearts, 30% for pass.

Question No. 614

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 10 8 4	♥ A J 9 5	♦ Q 8	♣ Q 6
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The bidding:

You	Maier	Schenken	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN SIMPLE LINE ---Clever Detail

Ideas for brightening up winter clothes are legion. You can get the smartest effects with clever finishing touches.

And I am so glad the designers have thought out all those new notions for us, because they do give us clever ways of adding interest to our not-so-new frocks.

As you know, there has been no drastic change in line since last season, except that everything is simpler and there is no exaggeration of any kind.

Full skirts, for instance, are not so full, and straight, narrow skirts are not so narrow, but all skirts are very short. Bodices have high necklines and smart detail.

Illustration shows one or two clever finishing touches I saw at the dress collections shown for both the States and the British Isles.



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FRETFULNESS IS BABY'S CALL FOR HELP

Fretfulness is not natural. It is a sign of trouble. A warning alarm, to which you must quickly respond.

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Fur trimmings on woollen coats are less lavish than they were, and the small fur collar seen in the sketch is quite of the newest type. It would not take much fur to make it and the pretty handbag fur must go with it. The set could be easily managed from the good pieces of an old fur coat, or even from an old fur tie. Most of us have some fur pieces we have hoarded. Well, here's a good way of using them up.

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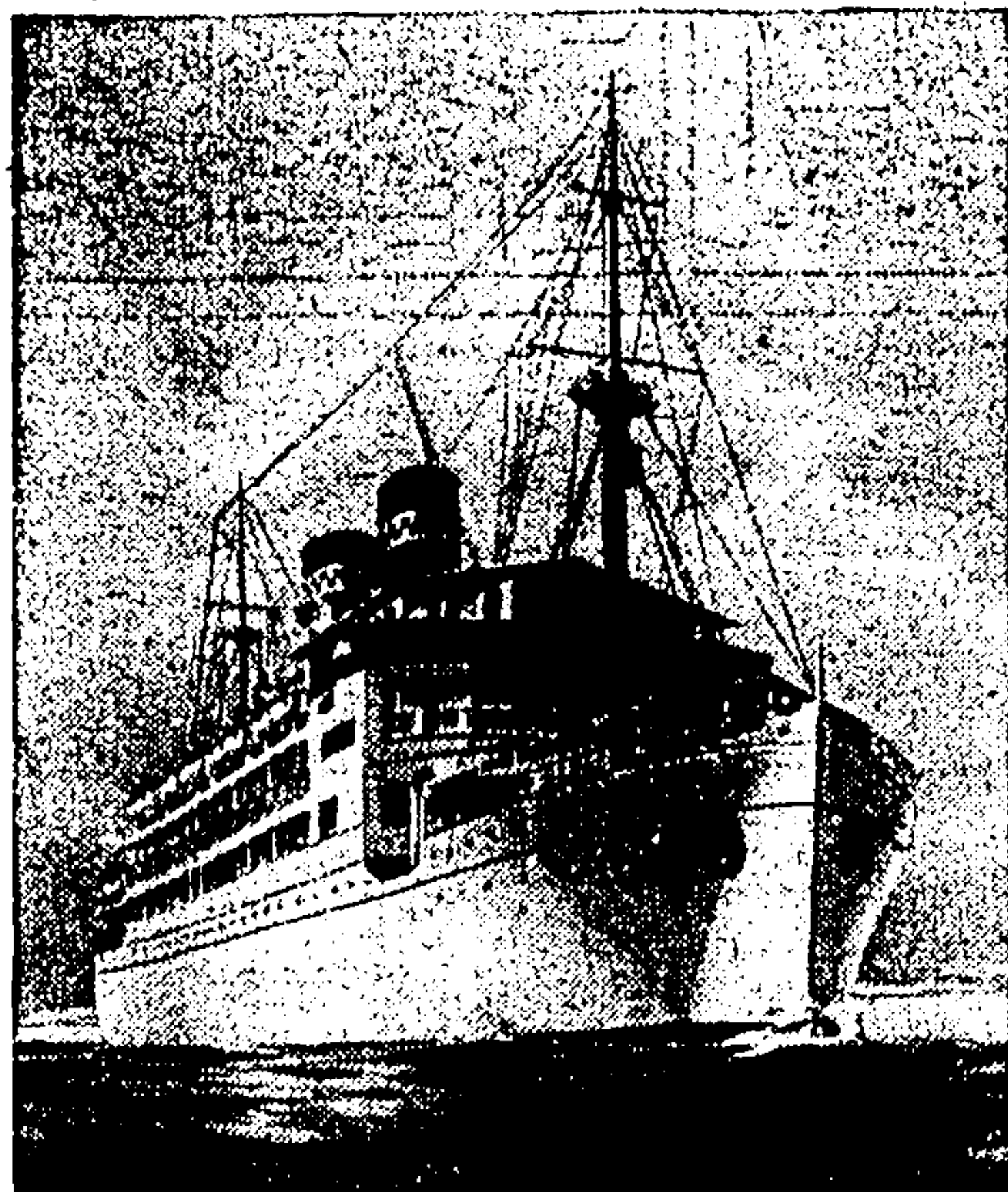
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12.30 p.m.—Cesar Franck—Symphonic Variations.

12.45 p.m.—Elgar—Serenade in E Minor for Strings, Op. 20.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Max Miller in the Theatre Again.

2.05 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—The Comedy Harmonists.

6.45 p.m.—Moskowsky—"From Foreign Lands" Suite. State Opera Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour". The Rt. Hon. A. Duff Cooper on "France".

7.30 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Edward German.

8.23 p.m.—Two English Songs by Malcolm McEachern (Bass).

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"British Dramatists" No. 6. Shaw. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Haydn—Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra.

Andante and Rondo—George Enescu (Trumpet) and Symphony Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk—"Democracy Marches".

9.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

10.15 p.m.—Variety.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

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PANTHERS BEAT CHUNG HWA

By "Grandstand"

DESPITE THE inclement weather which caused the majority of the games scheduled to be postponed on Sunday, one Junior and two Ladies' League games were played off on time, a handful of stalwart supporters braving the elements.

In the curtain-raiser on the Kowloon Football Club ground, the Canadian Chinese handed out a 14-1 shellacking to the Cardinals, who were limited to only two measly blows off Canuckette hurler Mary Ng, whilst the Maple Leafs collected 11 safeties off Redbird hurlers Zimmern and Babida in a six-inning fray.

The Canuckettes opened the scoring by chalking up two counters on a pair of misuses, a sacrifice and a single. Opening the batting for the Cards, first-sacker Betty Clarke drew a pass. With orders to bunt, Gilly Mott fouled the first pitch, and was only able to pop one weakly to hurler Mary Ng, which was handled in the air. Betty Clarke, who had in the meantime hot-footed it for second, came tearing back to first on the catch, but was given a life by Rene Yuen, who fumbled the throw. Gladys "Grandma" Hutchinson was next given free transportation to first, Marie Roza in the clean-up spot, grounded out weakly, but Betty carried the ball across for the Redbirds' lone marker. "Grandma" died on the sacks!

Five-Run Attack

In the next frame, the Canuckettes unleashed a five-run attack, headed by Jay Wong's four-bagger with none aboard, assisted by four Cardinal bobbles. In the Redbirds' turn with the hickory, they raised their fans' hopes briefly, when Zimmern walked and Natty Falladona singled with two away, but the former was run down between third and home on Clarke's trickle to second-sacker Ulian Khoo. In the third, the Maple Leafs were only able to garner one more tally, but the Cards were shut out in their home half. After being clipped for five successive safeties, which included two circuit clouts and a triple, for the Canuckettes to notch up another four counters to cinch the game, hurler Adi Zimmern was derrickd in favour of Babida, who tossed for the remaining two innings. In the fifth the Cardinals were retired in one, two, three order, and, although trailing 14-1, refused to have the game called. Umpire Mike Mendonca allowed the game to continue for one more inning, in which neither side scored.



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Canuckette hurler Mary Ng, walked four and fanned three, whilst Redbird twirler Adi Zimmern, walked one and fanned rookie Mary Chiu in her first pitching assignment.

Regular chucker, Etegnia Babida, although on the sick-list, turned out on the park, and passed two, in pitching the last two stanzas.

Short-stop Alice Mar connected safely three in four times up, including a triple, whilst Jay Wong Rene Yuen and Ulian Khoo banged in four-masters.

Panthers' Triumph

In the other tussle, the Baby Panthers triumphed over the Chung Hwa lasses 14-5, and, although the latter outthit the Panthers by 3-2, nine costly bingles, together with hindsnatcher Cheung's eight passed balls, proved disastrous for them. After a long absence, May Chung was seen again in the short-stop gap for the Chung Hwa, but booted two of the five fielding chances that came her way. However, she made up by rapping out two safeties in her three times at the platter.

Lella Xavier, on the mound for the Panthers, fanned six Chung Hwa femmes and walked none, whilst slabstress Law for Chung Hwa, accounted for three Panthers via the strike-out route, passed no less than six, and was guilty of two wild pitches.

In the Junior League, the Cosmopolitans created an upset by emerging victors in a 12-7 verdict over South China, who were considered favourites. A third-inning splurge of six runs, paved the way for a Cosmo triumph, which was at no time endangered. South China fielded eight men on'y.

Turning out in full, both the League-leading Chung Hwas and the V.R.C. were ready to take on each other, but afterwards decided to postpone the game on discovering the difficulty of handling the ball on a wet ground. Remaining games were also postponed.

TO-DAY'S RUGBY

The following will represent Artillery again Club "A" in a Rugby match to-day on the Club ground at 4.45 p.m.—Lieut. Lomax; Marsh. Lieut. T. A. Pearce; Capt. Skipwith; Richards; Capt. Hook; Lieut. Wedderburn; Lieut. Smith; Lieut. Deiderfeld; Event. Cooke; McDermott; Turner; Lieut. Banner; Hicks. Reserve, Gnr. Keeble.

Both Army Large Unit matches scheduled for yesterday were postponed.

C.S.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent Civil Service Cricket Club against Police in a Junior League cricket match on Civil Service ground on Saturday—H. E. Strange (Captain), H. F. Harper, F. E. Lawrence, J. Barrow, A. Watson, G. Ainslie, G. Stone, J. Mitchell, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, and W. L. Smith.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

SENIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pts.
Hong Kong Baseballers	7	2	7.75
St. Joseph's	6	3	6.67
Indians	6	4	6.00
Cyclones	4	3	5.71
Recreio Aces	4	4	4.29
Chinese Baseballers	1	7	1.25
Filipinos	0	9	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pts.
Chung Hwa	7	0	10.00
V.R.C.	5	1	8.33
R.A.F.	5	2	7.14
Cosmos	5	3	6.25
Recreio Aces	5	3	6.25
Liga Portuguesa	3	3	5.00
South China	3	3	5.00
Royal Scots	3	4	4.29
8th R.A.	2	6	2.57
C.B.A.	1	7	1.25
Royal Engineers	0	6	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pts.
Canadian Chinese	9	0	10.00
Wildcats	7	1	8.75
Wahoes	8	2	8.00
Panthers	6	4	6.00
Cardinals	4	6	4.00
Ramblerettes	1	7	2.00
Little Flowers	1	8	1.11
Chung Hwa	0	10	.000

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pts.
Hong Kong Bankers	3	0	10.00
Shell Oilers	3	1	7.50
Lacas	2	1	6.67
Texaco	2	1	6.67
Chartered Bankers	1	1	5.00
Greenspots	0	3	.000
Cables	0	4	.000

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir,—I have read with interest the challenge of "Iron" Bux Jnr. against my brother "Sal." Aromin. Being also a boxer, and Sparring Partner of my brother, I am very desirous of meeting "Iron" Bux Jnr.

I weigh 118 lb. stripped. This is a good chance for "Iron" Bux Jnr. to prove his worth. I am afraid that Bux is under-estimating my brother's fighting abilities; anyway if Bux can lick me, he surely can par himself with my brother, and to under-estimate me will be another mistake. Bux will be making.

My brother "Sal." has asked me to state that he is only too willing to oblige "Iron" Bux Jnr., and that his manager has not the slightest objection whatsoever, provided Bux could get someone to promote the fight.

I have been tipped by my brother that the fight between him and Len Collins might take place some time this month, and that arrangements are under way. Therefore it will be to the interests of Len Collins and Iron Bux Jnr. to call on Mr. Stanley at his Gymnasium, No. 3, Ningpo Street, Top Moor, Kowloon.

A. Aromin

THE SPOTLIGHT ON SPORT

ALTHOUGH coffee-coloured Tommy Martin is winning all his American fights in a line since his points beating by Bob Nestel when making his debut across the Atlantic, it seems that just a good scrapper isn't enough to draw the cash customers, writes "Commentator" in the "North China Daily News."

They have to make quiet-spoken Tommy Martin into an English Dude. Now this column doesn't quite know what an English dude would look like, but Martin's American handlers aren't so backward.

Offered on the high altar of publicity, the Deptford scrapper has been posing for the cameramen in full evening kit, plus shiny topcoat—and monocle!

Maybe this will do Martin much good fiscally (and financially) in the States. I am not so sure of Deptford reactions, especially among the fighter's old cullies in the local stretcher party.

However, publicity apart, Tommy is getting among the important American money. His latest victory was gained in Hollywood over Buddy Knox, a big 'un out of Daytona with an unbeaten record these last three years.

Who's next? It would be no surprise if Tommy were sent in against Billy Conn, the World's cruiserweight champ. (American version), though my view is that he is not ready for such a stiff test as yet.

The Crowd Boomed . . . As Usual

Cables from the States show that Martin had a tough job. Knox opened with a two-handed attack and took the opening round, but the English battler came back to win the next three in a row.

Losin' the fifth heat, Martin was out again to stagger the American with some grandly timed upper-cuts. The scrap was his till the closing round, when Knox broke loose with punches that came from angles that Tommy never knew about before.

Seems that he was getting that far-away look in his eyes and hearing the birdies sing. Anyhow, he was reeling on the ropes with Knox too wild to put over a knock-out punch.

Having scored six rounds for Martin and three for Knox, with one even, the referee rightly gave the Deptford boy the decision. Of course, the crowd didn't agree. . . . they never do.

No different from the customers in Shanghai, the fans remembered Knox's grandstand finish and forgot Martin's clear-cut work early on. Tommy should worry!

Shy Man With A Background

Here's news of another member of the thick ear fraternity, none other than our old pal, Jack Hyams, well beloved among British fight fans. Although in his thirteenth year of the battling business Jack is matched against "Ernie" Woodman, the Battersea boy, for the right to meet Eddie Maguire for the Southern Area cruiserweight title.

Slipping back the years I remember crinkly-haired Hyams fighting on the hills at Premierland and the old N.S.C.—Now that doesn't make him so ancient as age is counted in boxing's breathless rush. It merely shows that he started very young.

A slip of a boy in those days, Hyams slugged it under the name of "Young Froggie." He came out at Premierland to win an 8st. novices' competition—his previous experience being to back-alley nose-busting among the young 'uns at Myrdle Street school down Aldgate way—and he kept in the game.

I saw Hyams around London as a taxi-driver, and you would never have put him down as a man with a background of a couple of hundred fights. He was shy and thoughtful. . . . but a good talker once you got him going.

Nice News From A Neutral

News from a neutral. And what nice, peaceful news it is. Just listen.

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Sgt. Murphy 150	L/C. Clift 144
Sgt. Harden 128	L/C. Tegarty (22) 150
L/C. Middleton (21) 150	Capt. Hyde 97
Sgt. Hamlin 80	L/C. Willis 150
Pte. Hinch (47) (22) 150	Sgt. Whitton (21) 88
R. SIGNALS NIL	2/R. SCOTS 7 PTS.
Sgt. Pearson 88	Sgt. Whippy (40) (21) 150
Sgt. Brakenbury (21) 78	Sgt. Clark (28) (24) 150
Sgt. Allen 100	Cpl. Octon 150
Cpl. Wathen 125	L/C. Jenkins 150
Sgt. Pitcher 110	Pte. Walters 150
Sgt. Lilley 111	Pte. Gordon 150

League Positions

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Pts.
R.A.M.C.	18	10	0	0	106
2/Royal Scots	10	14	2	0	97
R.A.S.C.	17	13	4	0	88
C.M. Police	16	8	8	0	69
R.E.	17	5	12	0	51
Royal Signals	16	5	11	0	42
11th A.A. Regt. R.A.	16	6	10	0	31
R.A.P.C.	15	3	12	0	33
R.A.O.C.	16	4	12	0	33
12th Hvy. Regt. R.A.	11	3	8	0	26

VOLUNTEERS WIN SOLDIERS CLUB TOURNAMENT

The final of the Soldiers' Club billiards tournament last night resulted in Volunteers defeating Signal's 1,600 to 798.

Allen, 133, Pitcher 136, Langley 46, Prakenbury 72, Hutchison 130, Lilley 107, Pearson 64, Blount 110. Total 798.

Rakusen 200, J. C. Remedios 200, Hickman 200, Silva 200, J. D. Remedios 200, Sequeira 200, Pereira 200, Baptista 200. Total 1,600.

The best break was 55 by Hickman, Pereira scored 27, 26, 20 and 36 and Baptista had three breaks over 20.

Y.M.C.A. BEAT CUSTOMS

At the European Y.M.C.A. last night, the home team beat Chinese Maritime Customs 850 to 528. Chiu Sze-po won the only game for the Chinese Customs team, beating de Casier 150 to 100.

The Y.M.C.A. team comprised Jones, Eager, Sykes, Champelovier, Ingleby and de Casier. The Customs team was Kemp, Cheuk Sui-nah, Ogden, Tang Mui-ying, Whitmore and Chiu Sze-po.

mine. What a world we live in. Sport, where is thy sting?

\$35 A Stroke At Golf

Golf costs money for most people. It's different for Ben Hogan, the American professional who was an automatic selection for the U.S. Ryder Cup team had been able to send a side over this year.

Hogan's golf this season has brought him just on \$35 (Mex) a stroke. The cash has come from sixty-nine money tournaments thus far this year.

In all, Hogan has played 4,572 strokes with an average of 70.6 a round. My arithmetic may be faulty, but I make it that he has had \$168,340 in prize money. Nice going, Ben. Wish I could do as much.

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Seven Teams Of Eight Players Each Entered To Be Completed In A Month

By "Adrem"

IN ORDER TO CATER FOR THOSE PLAYERS — NOTABLY A LARGE NUMBER OF LADIES — WHO ARE ABLE TO GET LITTLE COMPETITIVE BADMINTON, AN INTRA-CLUB COMPETITION IS NOW BEING RUN AT CLUB DE RECREIO.

ST. JOHN'S AND K.C.C. SHOULD WIN

By "Adrem"

There are two matches on this evening's Junior League badminton programme that should be fairly interesting.

At Kowloon Tong, the home team meet St. John's in what should be quite a close game. At full strength Kowloon Tong might have put up a decent showing but they will be without Frank Kwok, who is laid up with an injured arm, and this may well mean the difference between success and failure.

I have been told that Ko Fook sing, who has done so well in partnership with Richard Lee hitherto, will be turning out, while N. A. E. Mackay, who in combination with Peter Fletcher was the most successful player for Kowloon Tong last season, will be making his first appearance this year.

St. John's should win but I don't think there will be much in it.

St. Andrew's may well carry Kowloon Cricket Club the whole distance as Fincher and Kew are capable of winning three games on their own court, but I think K.C.C. should just manage to retain their unbeaten record.

Other games should result in wins for Chung Wah and Recreio.

Programme And Some Teams

Following is to-day's "B" Division Badminton League programme and some teams:—

J.R.C.	v.	Chung Wah
Recreio	v.	V.R.C.
Kowloon Tong	v.	St. John's
St. Andrew's	v.	K.C.C.

St. John's:—E. Kennard and D. Kwok; R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd; N. L. Smith and P. Wilson.

J.R.C.:—S. Ramler and L. Landau; A. Pollak and M. Talan; B. Godkin and A. Odell.

Kowloon Tong:—Peter Lo and Joe Tsang; R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko; John Chen and N. A. E. Mackay.

Recreio:—P. A. Yvanovich Jnr. and P. P. Botelho; A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha; C. C. Pereira and A. N. Other.

LOUIS TO FIGHT CONN IN JUNE

Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion, recently signed a contract to defend his crown in June against Billy Conn, up-and-coming challenger.—United Press.

Indicating the keenness at this club, no fewer than seven teams of eight players per team have entered and, with matches being played twice a week, it is hoped that the competition will be completed by the end of the month—first batch of matches was played over last week-end.

Unlike League badminton, in which each pair is required to play every other pair in the opposing team, the Recreio League is organised on the same basis as the Shanghai Tennis League, that is, the combinations in each team are graded according to ability and the corresponding pairs in each team play each other over one game of 15 points.

Method of "seeding" has been simple. The men and women are individually graded and the strongest man has been partnered with the weakest lady and so on.

Following are the teams:—

"A" Team—M. A. Oliveira and Elsa Ribeiro; A. E. Xavier and Marian Silva; J. M. Oliveira and Violet Remedios; A. V. Alvares and Mercia Alves.

"B" Team—J. J. Remedios and Myra Noronha; W. M. Lawrence and Stella Xavier; A. A. Noronha and Alice Remedios; A. F. Noronha and Irene Lopes.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR SOCCER

Following are the football fixtures during the Chinese New Year holidays:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22
Kotewall Cup Competition
Army v Navy
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
First Division
South China v Police
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Kowloon v St. Joseph's
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
Club v Royal Scots
(Club, 4 p.m.)
Second Division
Service Corps v Middlesex
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
Kit Chee v Royal Scots
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Kowloon v Ordinance
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Engineers v South China
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
Sing Tao v Navy
(St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.)
Club v Police
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
Third Division
International v 35th R.A.
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
Engineers v A.S.A.
(Military, 2.30 p.m.)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
Lai Wah Cup Semi-Final
Navy v Civilians
(Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.)
MONDAY, JANUARY 27
Lai Wah Cup Semi-Final
Chinese v Army
(Navy ground, 3.30 p.m.)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28
Kotewall Cup
Navy v Chinese
(Sookunpoo, 3.30 p.m.)

Hilda Noronha; A. Carneiro and E. M. Alarcon.

"E" Team—A. M. Rodrigues and Marie Ribeiro; A. E. Noronha and Anna Noronha; B. Gosano and Cissy Noronha; L. G. Gosano and Alice Roza.

"F" Team—C. C. Pereira and Olga Silva; H. A. Noronha and Regina Noronha; J. E. Noronha and Bar. Remedios; A. M. Remedios and Bertha Castro.

"G" Team—H. A. Barros and Mylthie Silva; P. Yvanovich and Cita Souza; M. M. de V. Soares and Edith Rocha; C. A. Gaan and J. A. Remedios.

AIR-RAID WARNING AT NEWMARKET

INDICATING THE CALMNESS with which air-raids are received in England, a letter received here recently from Home tells of an attack which disturbed a race-meeting at Newmarket, writes a correspondent in the "North China Daily News."

Apparently it was with great difficulty that the turf-lovers were persuaded to take shelter at all, and finally only returned home because the weather was bad.

The writer of the letter seems to be little concerned with the raiders, and this high morale and courage is of the calibre which will finally defeat Germany.

"The first day's racing went off 'without incident,' as they say. It was cold and stormy and I spent the afternoon gardening so as to be handy in case the ambulance was called out. There were lots of planes about overhead in the clouds, but of course they were ours."

Miserable Weather

"The second day was most miserable weather, floods of driving rain. Everything came unstuck. Pont Eveque and Chateau Larose, both well fancied, were both beaten. Then we had an air-raid warning 'red.' The first sign of trouble was guns or bombs in the distance and the usual murmuring in the sky which is indicative of trouble coming."

"Meanwhile an objection was being lodged on Star Dust in favour of Hippius—sundry bells and whistles seemed to be sounding but people said 'Oh! It's nothing, just to do with the objection!' However, the whistles became more insistent and a big fat policeman appeared blowing heavily. Then three Spitfires circled overhead. The race-goers took little or no notice, in fact no one seemed to know the right procedure for an air raid in the middle of racing."

Short Blasts On Whistle

"The policeman by now had got on to the lawn and stood blowing short blasts on his whistle, looking as if he would like to have ordered someone to do something,

but contented himself with his whistle (short blasts are the air-raid warning 'red'). Then a voice said 'Take cover' as a sort of general instruction. A certain amount of people came off the public stand, I suppose one might say, obediently."

"The bookies seemed to think umbrellas were sufficient cover and started outting the odds for the coming race. People spread into little groups on the lawn, a certain number went under the stands and a considerable number solved the question by going to the bar. It then became obvious that racing was going to be held up during raid, and the horses were held away."

"All Clear" Sounds

"In view of the horrible weather it looked as if the next best procedure would be to go home. However, before that decision was reached the 'all clear' was sounded and racing was resumed. On the tower were spotters and I am told there were guns about! There was a very small attendance and very few cars; Lord Harewood, Lord Rosebery, the Duchess of Norfolk, the Countess of Durham, Mrs. Clayton and a sprinkling of the usual Newmarket crowd, and very few people in uniform. The public stand was fairly full and a fair number of horses. It was not a pleasant day but it was a good day because it established the fact that we continued racing and got along with things."

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SOUTH AFRICAN NAVAL ASSISTANCE

FOR THE FIRST TIME SOUTH AFRICAN WARSHIPS ARE CO-OPERATING WITH THE ROYAL NAVY OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICAN WATERS.

It is officially announced that a flotilla of mine-sweepers left some weeks ago to join the mine-sweepers of the Royal Navy. — Reuter.

All Lines Of Communication Now Cut

WHILE THERE WAS little fresh news from Cairo yesterday there are growing signs that the Italians are beginning to see that their position in Libya and East Africa is getting worse all the time.

The Cairo communique said that in Libya there was "nothing fresh to report" and in the Sudan, "in the neighbourhood of Kassala, patrol activity is continuing," while on other fronts there is "nothing to report."

The fact that there is nothing fresh to report from Libya may be taken to mean that British guns are still pounding away while the Imperial Army musters for the final assault on Tobruk.

Broadcasting to the Italian Empire, Rome Radio yesterday said:—"The Empire is virtually cut off from the mother country."

Italian East Africa, in particular, is practically completely cut off. Its only communication is by air, but the R.A.F. is now so completely master of the air in Africa that it is highly unlikely that the odd Italian plane or two which have been keeping up communications between Libya and Eritrea by night will now venture on the dangerous journey.

Writing from the Italian frontier, a special correspondent of the newspaper "Le Temps" says:—

"For Italy, the battle for North Africa is no longer for imperial aims but a fight to preserve a part of Italy's national territory." — Reuter.

LEND AND LEASE PROGRESS

Mr. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, stated in Washington yesterday that he is willing to accept "any restrictions whatever" on the Lend-and-Lease Bill provided that they did not interfere with the general purpose of the Bill.

Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, before which the Bill is coming to-day, said he proposed to offer one or two amendments.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, will be the first witness at to-day's hearings. He will be followed by Mr. Henry Morgenthau (Secretary of Treasury) and Mr. Henry L. Stimson (Secretary of War), and to-morrow Col. Frank Knox (Secretary of Navy) and Mr. William Knudsen (Director-General of President Roosevelt's new Supreme Defence Directorate) will testify.

Replying to questions Mr. Bloom said he was not going to call the ex-Ambassadors Mr. William Bullitt and Mr. Joseph Kennedy before the committee, but he would be very pleased if they requested to be heard.

Mr. Bloom added that a request that a representative of the "America First" Committee be heard had been granted.—Reuter.

ITALIAN BASE IN SICILY RAIDED

(Continued from Page 1) at Asmara, Prantu and Agordat, in Italian East Africa, while at Maidaca a further attack was made on Caproni workshops, where a large fire was caused among buildings.

Dive Attack

At Tessenei on Monday a dive attack was made on motor transport concentrations and fires started.

From the operations in East Africa all our aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

NO DAYLIGHT RAID ON BRITAIN

There was no enemy air activity over the British Isles during daylight yesterday, nor up to 9.30 in the evening.—Reuter.

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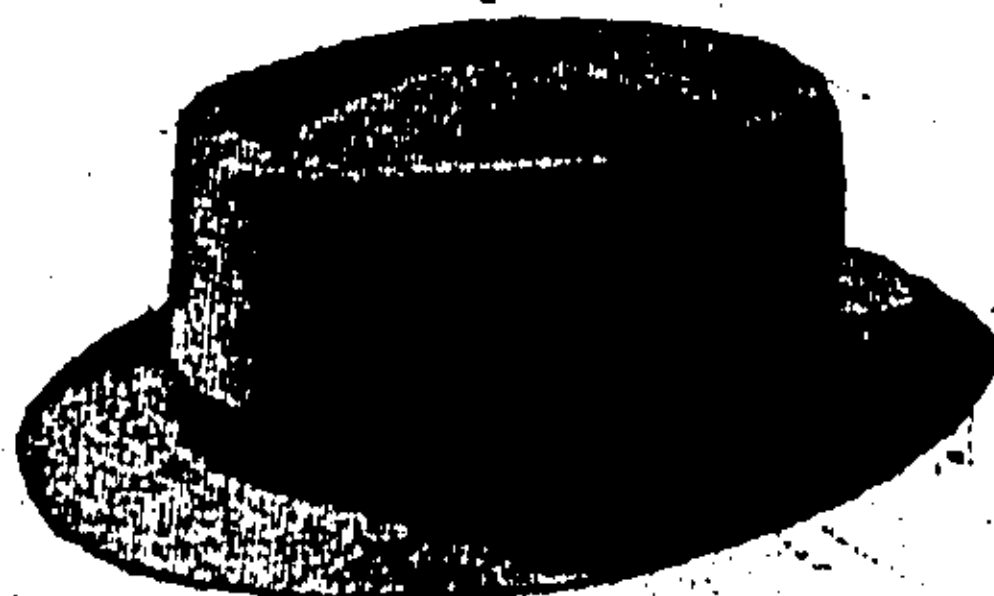


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JAPANESE WAR LORDS CONFER ON CRISIS

An unexpected and unusual step has been taken by the Japanese War Minister, General Tojo, in calling in a dozen retired generals for a round-table conference to be held today on what the Domei agency calls the "present national emergency."

Practically all the generals convoked are ex-War Ministers or ex-Premiers.

The conference will also be attended by the present Chief of the Army General Staff, the Minister of Justice, the Vice-Minister of War and the Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau. The latter two, says the Domei

BROOKLYN WATERFRONT FIRE DISASTER

A fire yesterday swept the famous Brooklyn waterfront, threatening City buildings, warehouses and Municipal offices.

Five men are known to have been killed and many injured. Some are in hospital with critical burns.

Thirty parked cars were destroyed by flames which also damaged a fire engine.—Reuter.

agency, will explain present conditions and "affirm the army's determination to see the crisis through."—Reuter.

Nine Nazi Junkers Dive-Bombers Destroyed

AT LEAST NINE AIRCRAFT — BELIEVED TO BE GERMAN JUNKERS 87'S (DIVE-BOMBERS) — WERE DESTROYED WHEN THE R.A.F. MADE A HEAVY RAID ON CATANIA (SICILY), ACCORDING TO A MIDDLE EAST R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The raid occurred on the night of January 12/13. A series of attacks was made and very heavy damage was caused, the communique states.

Two hangars on the western side of the aerodrome were set afire, one being demolished. Another hangar on the east side was also set ablaze. Heavy explosions occurred and a number of fires started among administrative buildings.

Bombs hit the main runways and a railway line along the west side of the aerodrome.

The same night raids were made on aerodromes at Berka and Benina. Many planes are believed to have been put out of action by bomb splinters and subsequent machine-gun attacks.

The previous night raids were made on barracks and defences at Derna and fires started among barracks.

Troops Bombed

Military concentrations at Barti (Albania) were bombed on Monday and it is believed that direct hits were registered.

Smoke was seen rising from a bridgehead in the south end of the town when British aircraft left the target.

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BRITISH AIRCRAFT CARRIER BOMBED

Further news of the naval engagement in the Mediterranean comes with publication in London of an Admiralty communique admitting damage to the giant new aircraft-carrier *Illustrious* and the cruiser *Southampton*.

The communique announces that an Italian destroyer was sunk in the Sicilian Channel, in the central Mediterranean, on January 10.

The British destroyer *Gallant* was damaged by mine or torpedo but has arrived in harbour.

German and Italian planes attacked British warships, the communique says, and the aircraft-carrier *Illustrious* was hit and received some damage and casualties.

The cruiser *Southampton* was also hit and suffered casualties.

At least 12 enemy aircraft were shot down and a number damaged.—Reuter.

NIGHT FIGHTER PILOTS GAINING SUCCESSES

THE GROWING experience of British night fighter pilots is beginning to show results; more raiding bombers are being intercepted and those that do get through are being attacked with some success, says the Air Ministry news service.

The number of our night fighter squadrons is steadily increasing, though necessarily slowly.

Pilots must be taught a new technique of fighting, much of which is still experimental. Aircraft must be adapted and even under the most favourable conditions the difficulties of trailing enemy bombers flying at some 250 miles an hour through darkness are still severe.

"Like trying to swat a wasp in a black-out room," as one pilot said.

Similar Nazi Tactics

The enemy is working on similar lines. Our bombers are now encountering night fighters on their raids over Germany, and several of these have been shot down.

So far the night tactics of the R.A.F. have proved more successful than the enemy's, because none of our night fighters has been lost in action.

The first Distinguished Flying

Cross for night flying was awarded to Flight-Lt. John Cunningham, who shot down two enemy bombers over the South Coast at a height of nearly 20,000 feet, in a temperature 50 degrees below freezing point.—Reuter.

NO FOREIGN TROOPS IN BULGARIA

THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY STATES THAT IT IS AUTHORISED TO SAY THAT NO FOREIGN TROOPS HAVE BEEN ENTERING BULGARIA.

It also officially denies that the Government has made any approaches to foreign governments and says that there have been no grounds for any such approaches.—Reuter.

Rumania Under The Yoke

Rumanian officials in Belgrade yesterday refused to confirm or deny a report that General Antonescu has been summoned to Berlin.

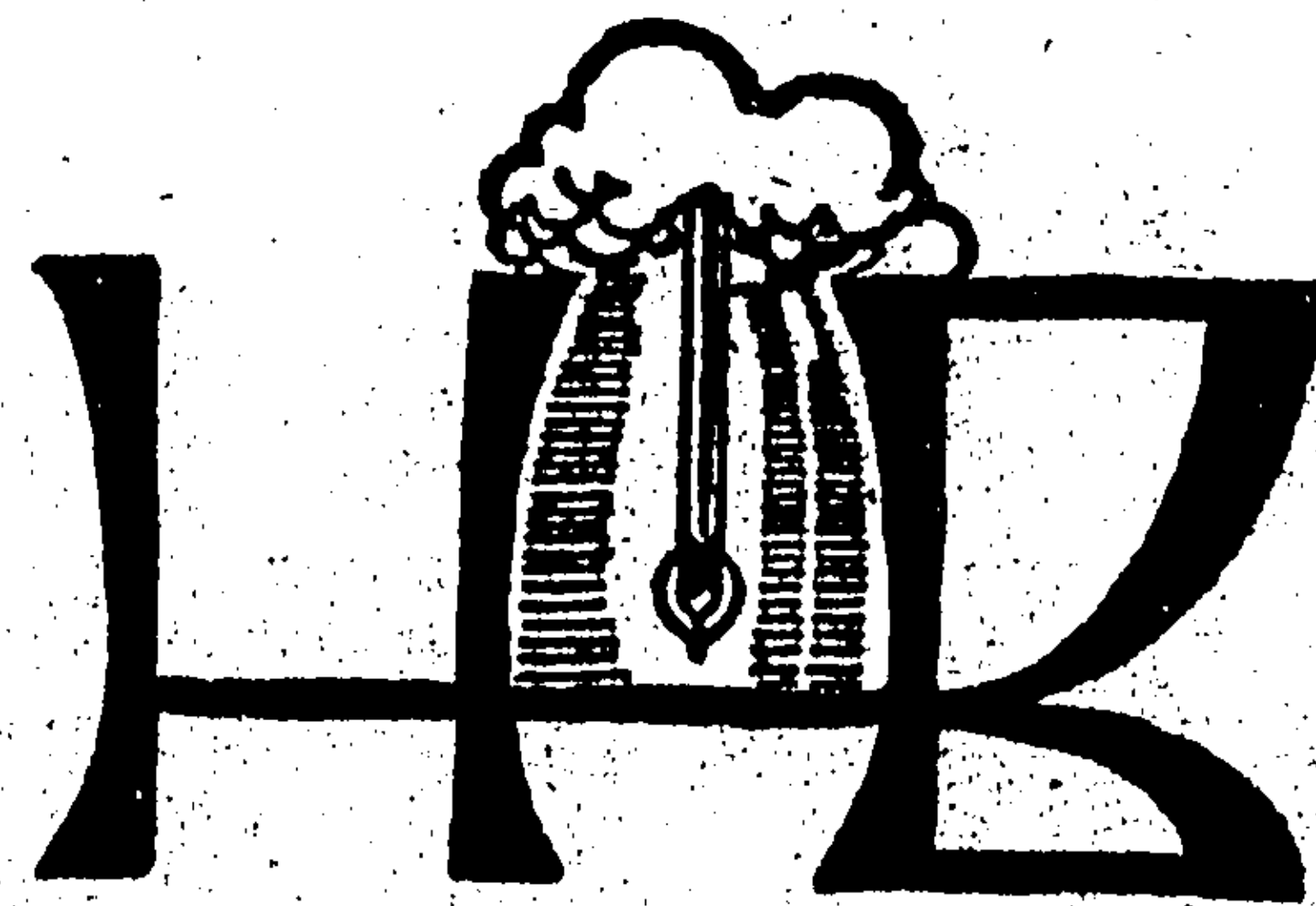
Horia Sima, Deputy Premier and head of the Iron Guard, has called meetings of his followers in all towns on January 19.

Speakers will address the meetings on "The struggle of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy for the establishment of a new European order."

Meanwhile the Rumanian newspaper "Curentul" yesterday sounded a note of defiance over German plans to turn Rumania into a granary and oil reservoir at the expense of her industrial development.

The paper says the Legionary regime does not dream of giving up Rumanian industry but on the contrary it must be expanded.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Mercy Ship Of The Desert Takes Off Tobruk Wounded

IMPERIAL AND ITALIAN TROOPS IN SAME BOAT

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in the Western Desert Battle Area)

I HAVE JUST HAD AN OPPORTUNITY OF SPENDING A SHORT TIME ABOARD A HOSPITAL SHIP PRIOR TO ITS SAILING. IT WAS FILLED WITH ITALIAN PRISONERS FROM BARDIA AND AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH AND RHODESIAN TROOPS INVOLVED IN THE PRELIMINARY ACTION AROUND TOBRUK.

These weary wounded will shortly begin a journey to hospital. This little vessel is rapidly earning for itself the title of "mercy ship of the Western Desert."

It was built at Newcastle-on-Tyne; it is not particularly handsome and registers only 1,800 tons, but its draught enables it to enter the tiny harbours along the Egyptian and Libyan coasts.

ACTOR TOOK HER ALL

An actor sentenced at West London to twelve months' imprisonment was stated to have robbed a woman of her life savings of £700 in "a most deliberate and cold-blooded way" by pretending to be in love with her and posing as a producer of war propaganda films.

Donald Stewart, fifty-two, of Paulton Square, Chelsea, pleaded guilty to four charges of obtaining sums amounting to £560 by false pretences from Mrs. Ethel Beatrice Redshaw, formerly proprietress of a hotel in the Isle of Wight.

Deliberate Fraud

The magistrate (Sir Gervais Rentoul) said, "This is as bad a case as I have ever had before me. This was a deliberately planned fraud of a heartless and callous kind."

"You played on the feelings of this lady, pretending to be in love with her. You gained her affections to find an easy way to her pocket to rob her of all her money."

Mr. C. Melville, prosecuting, said that in less than three months, Stewart obtained over £700 from Mrs. Redshaw in a most deliberate and cold-blooded way.

He proposed to her, but she explained that she could not marry him as she was separated from her husband.

He told her that he was going to make a film called "Britain's Might," a propaganda picture.

"The story was absolutely untrue," said Mr. Melville.

"He also spoke of a film he had made called 'Take Cover,' on which he had lost money. He said that he required £125, and that if she would lend him the money he would pay her 25 per cent. interest."

"Believing his story," added Mr. Melville, "Mrs. Redshaw gave him the money."

After that Mrs. Redshaw parted with various sums.

Regular hospital ships draw too much water to enter these harbours.

This ship provides easily the most comfortable form of transport for seriously wounded men. The alternative is a bumpy ride across 100 miles of desert in an ambulance lorry which is a severe ordeal for a wounded man.

Regular Trips

Impressed into service at short notice the little ship is now making regular trips.

A team of Australian medical officers supervise the wounded—a service which is both difficult and dangerous.

The ship will await the dusk when it will slip out of harbour with the utmost promptness in order to miss Italian bombers.

The trip will be by no means a pleasure cruise. Apart from the possibility of meeting a wandering Italian submarine a high sea is running, which would make normal routine for men not accustomed to a sea voyage very difficult.

Majority of the Imperial troops who will make the voyage are men who went through the Bardia campaign and then were wounded at Tobruk.

Less seriously wounded men move about on the deck of the ship and all are in good spirits.

Seriously Hurt

Some Imperial soldiers and many Italians are more seriously hurt and they console themselves with the certain knowledge that they will receive every possible attention at base hospitals.

Many of the lightly wounded Italians were becoming more cheerful even before the voyage starts, at the prospect that the war is finished for them, but others sit silently around the deck, their sad eyes asking the question when will they see their native land again.—Reuter.

WAR BRINGS TWO NEW DISEASES

Two new wartime afflictions—evacuee's sore throat and shelter tonsillitis—are dealt with by Mr. T. B. Layton, senior surgeon of the throat and ear department of Guy's Hospital, in an article in the British Medical Journal.

Evacuee's sore throat is caused, he says, by the fact that if a young person entirely changes his mode of life of living the hygiene of the upper respiratory tract is altered, and will take some time to adjust itself. Shelter tonsillitis, he adds, is not as yet prevalent, but it is very likely to become so.



Members of an aircraft factory who recently visited an R.A.F. Fighter Squadron, invited the pilots to pay them a visit at the factory and see their fighter planes being made. The visitors to the factory had destroyed 30 enemy machines at least. One baled out when his machine caught fire and another was adrift on a raft for three days. The decorations of the party included three D.F.C.'s, one A.F.C., and one D.F.M. Photo shows some of the pilots watching girls at work on the instrument panels. The Flight Lieutenant in the centre has 17 'planes to his credit. (Copyright, Fox).

AMBASSADOR'S NAME STILL A SECRET

A successor to Mr. Joseph Kennedy as United States Ambassador to Britain has been chosen.

President Roosevelt announced this at his press conference in Washington yesterday but declined to reveal the name of the envoy he has selected.—Reuter.

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A Scout and Guide Memorial Service for the late Chief Scout, the Right Honourable Lord Baden-Powell, will be held in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

BRITISH SUPPLY COUNCIL SET UP IN AMERICA

THE GREAT INCREASE in the volume of British supplies from North America has necessitated a change in the Anglo-American liaison organisation.

A committee has been established, called the British Supply Council in North America, the chairman being Mr. Arthur Purvis, Director-General of the British Purchasing Mission.

Additional members will be Mr. Morris Wilson, Sir Clive Baillieu, Australian representative on the Imperial Economic Committee since 1930, Sir Henry Self, Director-General of the British Air Commission, and Vice-Admiral A. E. Evans, head of the Admiralty mission in Canada.

The Council will deal with all issues of policy concerning supply, including representations to be made to the United States Administration.

Sir Clive Baillieu has been appointed Director-General of the British Purchasing Mission.

Co-Ordination Of Effort

"Formation of the new Council gives effect to the organisation of methods for the complete co-ordination of the North American war effort," the spokesman of the Canadian Munitions and Supply Department in Ottawa told Reuter last night.

The spokesman added that increased cooperation between the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada in the production of war materials would be a direct result of the new organisation.

The appointment of Mr. Purvis as chairman of the Council is generally regarded in Ottawa as satisfactory.

Fully In Tune

In Washington, the new Council is regarded as being fully in tune with present developments in economic and war supply arrangements between the United States and Britain.

As big as have been the activities of the British Purchasing Mission it is expected they will be dwarfed by the amount of material to be sent across the Atlantic during the next two years under the Lend-Lease Bill. Mr. Purvis is widely regarded

THE NAVY V. SCHOOLGIRLS (DRAW)

When the British destroyer Arrow last came into port, the officers and men issued a hockey match challenge to schoolgirls who had adopted them for the duration.

The challenge was accepted, and the match resulted in a draw.

Sponsor of the adoption scheme was Audrey Poe, a Chichester schoolgirl, whose father served in the Arrow until recently.

She and her friends at Chichester High School are devoting their pleasure hours to knitting comforts of all types for the destroyer's crew and have already sent large quantities of knitted garments to them.

The girls have arranged themselves into various groups for carrying out all kinds of work and have already raised more than £124 for the Red Cross, the Relief of Finland Fund, for the Poles, the Turkish earthquake, and for British prisoners of war.

Now they are raising money to help the distressed in the bombed areas. They hope soon to have made £200.

A number of girls have made looms. On these and on bought ones they are busy weaving rug cushion covers, scarves, shawls, pixie hoods and dinner mats. These they sell to the public in aid of their funds.

Others go round Chichester cleaning private cars at 2s. a time, bicycles at 6d. a time, and shoes at a penny a pair.

In Washington as an excellent person to head the new Council which was obviously necessary to facilitate getting American material to Britain.—Reuter.

REVIVED HOPE IN FRANCE

Resentment Now Giving Place To Reason

VICTORY WILL NOT LONG BE DELAYED

"I am more than ever convinced that the victory of our just cause will not be long delayed," said the Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, replying to a telegram from General de Gaulle congratulating him "on the magnificent achievement of the Australian troops at Bardia and their effective contribution to the defeat of our common enemy." — Reuter.

R.A.F. ROUNDS UP PRISONERS

Military experts in London say that one reason for the fact that our losses in the taking of Sidi-Barani and Sollum were under 1,000 and Bardia less than 600 killed and wounded is probably the extensive use made of armoured vehicles.

Italian prisoners in Libya are still being rounded up and R.A.F. fighter planes are giving a hand in this work.

Flying low over the desert, skimming the cliffs on the sea-shore at times, where they spot Italians taking refuge in caves, they have on several occasions enabled quite large bands to be taken prisoner.

Two days ago a Hurricane saw a small party of Italian officers at the water's edge.

The Navy was informed, and a motor-boat took them on board, the party including the commander of the Sidi-Barani garrison.

Another British fighter captured 150 Italians.

The pilot at first thought they were British, but he came low and spotted their dusty green uniforms.

He let loose a burst from his guns at them and then flew around and around, keeping them together.

A truck load of British soldiers arrived to relieve him. — Reuter.

THE NEW CHIEF WHIP

THE RT. HON. JAMES GRAY STUART HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHIEF GOVERNMENT WHIP IN PLACE OF CAPTAIN DAVID MARGESSON. THE SECRETARY FOR WAR.

Mr. Stuart is a brother of Lord Moray, and his wife, Lady Rachel Stuart, is a daughter of the late Duke of Devonshire. He served with distinction in the Great War and was Conservative M.P. for Moray and Nairn, and has been a deputy of Capt. Margesson since 1937. He is also the Scottish Government Whip.

For two years he was in business in America and is reputed to have one of the quickest brains in the Commons. — Reuter.

Pro-British Sentiment Grows

THE REMARKABLE growth of pro-British sentiment in France to-day was the text of a broadcast by Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, Minister of Information, from London last evening.

Mr. Duff-Cooper spoke of evidence from sources of "absolute accuracy" that in France despair had given place to hope, and resentment to reason. They saw that the only hope for the future of a France free and independent was a British victory.

Mr. Duff-Cooper told of a French boy who built an aeroplane in a cowshed and on a stormy day, when few German aircraft were about, took off and landed safely in England and is now fighting for the cause of the Allies in the Free French Forces.

This boy, said Mr. Duff-Cooper, was able to give effect to the desire latent in the hearts of millions of brave Frenchmen to-day who only awaited an opportunity to show upon whose side they are and for whose victory they pray.

Greatest Of Glories

Mr. Duff-Cooper paid high tribute to Free Frenchmen and their leader, General de Gaulle. He said: "They have given up all for a cause which means more to them than all the world: it is the principle of honour, deeply implanted in the souls of all soldiers, which made them refuse to surrender; it is love of liberty, deeply implanted in the souls of all Frenchmen, which urges them to continue the fight."

"Their is now the hardest of all lot's to bear but in the days of victory theirs will be the greatest of all glories, when the exiles will come home as conquerors restoring to their own people the freedom they had forfeited." — Reuter.

Exhausted and Stunned

He added: "When that series of sudden blows were delivered against them in the days of June, the French were left exhausted and stunned—hardly realising what had happened, hardly able to understand the extent of the catastrophe which had overwhelmed a free and happy country."

In those moments of grief, in those moments of misery and defeat, their feelings were naturally those of bitterness against the whole world and they eagerly looked round for one on whom to put the blame of disaster."

German propagandists made the most of the opportunity and pointed to Britain as the culprit.

This worked well among a heartbroken people who had, for the time being, lost the ability to reason—a characteristic of the French mind for centuries. The war seemed to be over and continued British resistance hopeless.

Mr. Duff Cooper went on: "That was the French mood of last summer but it is not the mood of France to-day. For months now they have been contemplating, at first with astonishment, then with dawning hope, and now with ever increasing confidence, the great fight the British have put up, the indomitable resistance against which the might of German aggression is gradually exhausting itself."

Germans Hated

As despair gave place to hope, so reason gradually took the place of resentment. The French people recovered their consciousness and saw what for the moment they had lost sight of—that the only hope for the future of France as a free and independent governing State lay in the prospect of a British victory. The Germans are more deeply

hated in France than they were in the last war or even in 1870. The whole of France has been despoiled in order to gratify the insatiable greed of Germany. France is a rich, fertile country with a soil that produces the best of everything in abundance; yet already occupied parts of France are going short of everything, while daily, trains heavily laden with French produce are despatched to Germany.

Throughout France to-day pro-British sentiment is growing with remarkable rapidity and not unnaturally it grows more rapidly in Occupied France where the hateful presence of the Germans reminds the people day by day of what they have lost and what is their one hope of regaining it."

London and Paris

Mr. Duff Cooper then spoke of London and Paris as the two greatest cities of Europe.

"From them has come forth all that is best in modern European civilisation and they both hold within their walls the traditions and love of the two great peoples that inhabit them."

We here in London often feel sad these days when we see ancient landmarks destroyed, beautiful churches lying in ruins, memorials of our past greatness turned to dust. We feel sad, we feel angry, but we also feel proud, and how infinitely more glad to do we witness such wicked wanton destruction than we would witness, if we were Frenchmen to-day, Paris unscratched, her beauty undiminished, her buildings standing all where they stood so long, but German soldiers mounting guard over the remains of Napoleon, German officers swaggering down French boulevards, German women covering themselves with French finery for which the French are obliged to accept fraudulent, worthless German marks.

Easier To Bear

Believe me, the Londoner's lot is easier to bear than that of the Parisian who must envy us our wounds to-day and who in days to come will gaze with awe and admiration upon our scars."

Mr. Duff Cooper concluded: "It is one of the greatest of all Hitler's errors to believe he can permanently suppress the spirit of France. That spirit is alive to-day and growing in vigour. What better proof could we have than the simple fact that on Armistice Day, students in streets of Paris sang the Marseillaise, and when forbidden to sing it, sang instead 'God Save the King'." — British Wireless.

WELFARE OF ARMY FAMILIES

Four military officers of the rank of major have been specially appointed in Lahore for the purpose of looking after the welfare of the families of soldiers who are abroad on active service.

A fifth officer has been appointed at Peshawar, on the North-West Frontier. — Reuter.



Polish troops now serving under General Wavell's Command in the Middle East. (Copyright, Fox).

SOLDIERS ARMED ON LEAVE

An Army officer told Mr. Justice Tucker at the Old Bailey that soldiers on leave must take rifles and ammunition with them.

The Judge said he had had two cases that session of soldiers shooting while on leave.

Before the court was James Burnham, 21, a trooper, who was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment for shooting at his sister-in-law, Mrs. Elsa Burnham, and William George Sullivan, outside an air-raid shelter. Sullivan was wounded in the arm.

It was stated that Burnham had cohabited with the woman while his brother was away.

GALLABAT NIGHT RAID

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF BRILLIANT MOONLIGHT, BRITISH TROOPS SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY CARRIED OUT A STRONG NIGHT RAID ON PREPARED ITALIAN POSITIONS IN THE GALLABAT, SECTOR OF THE SUDAN - ABYSSINIA FRONT. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN KHARTOUM YESTERDAY.

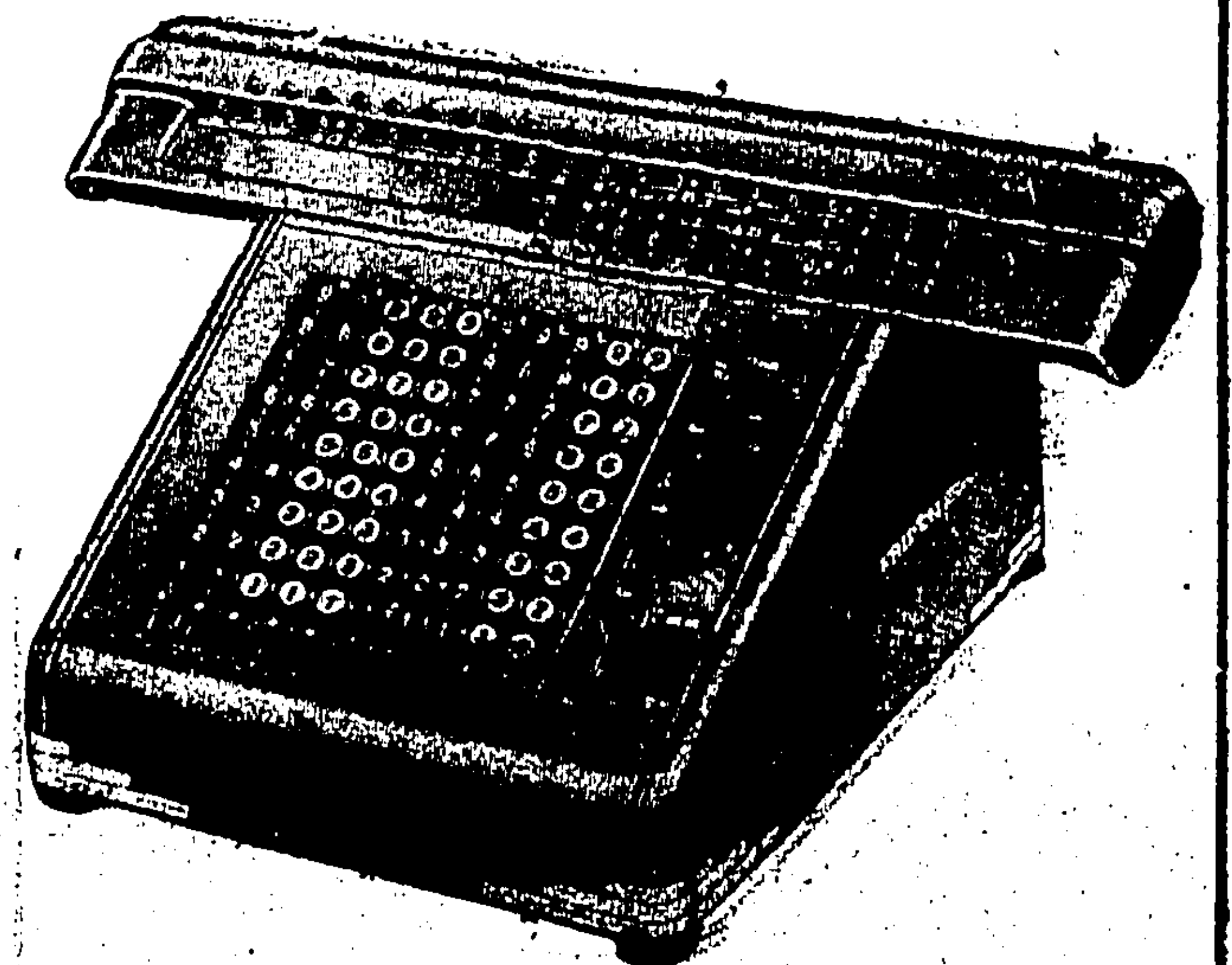
After fierce hand to hand fighting the British gained their objective.

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British patrols are also continuing strong pressure against Italian positions in the Kassala sector, further north. — Reuter.

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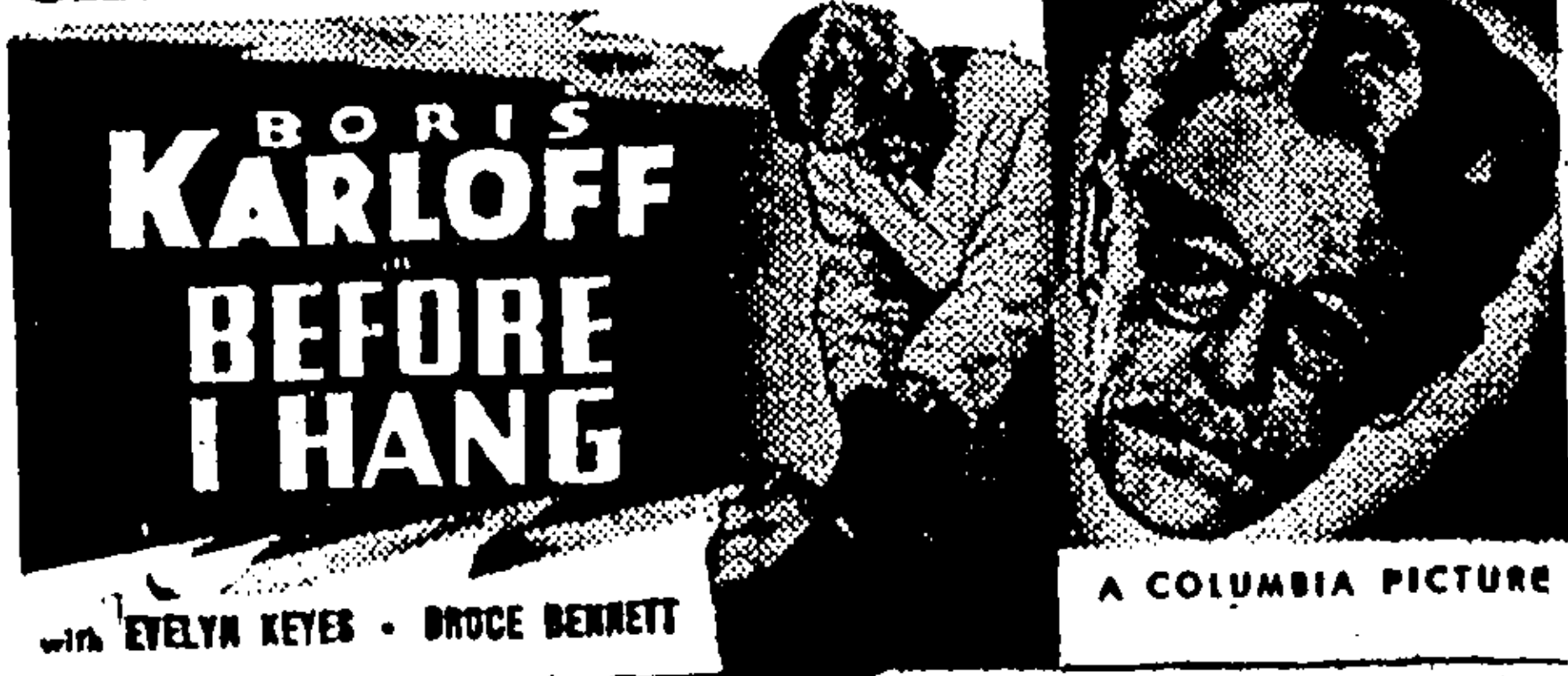
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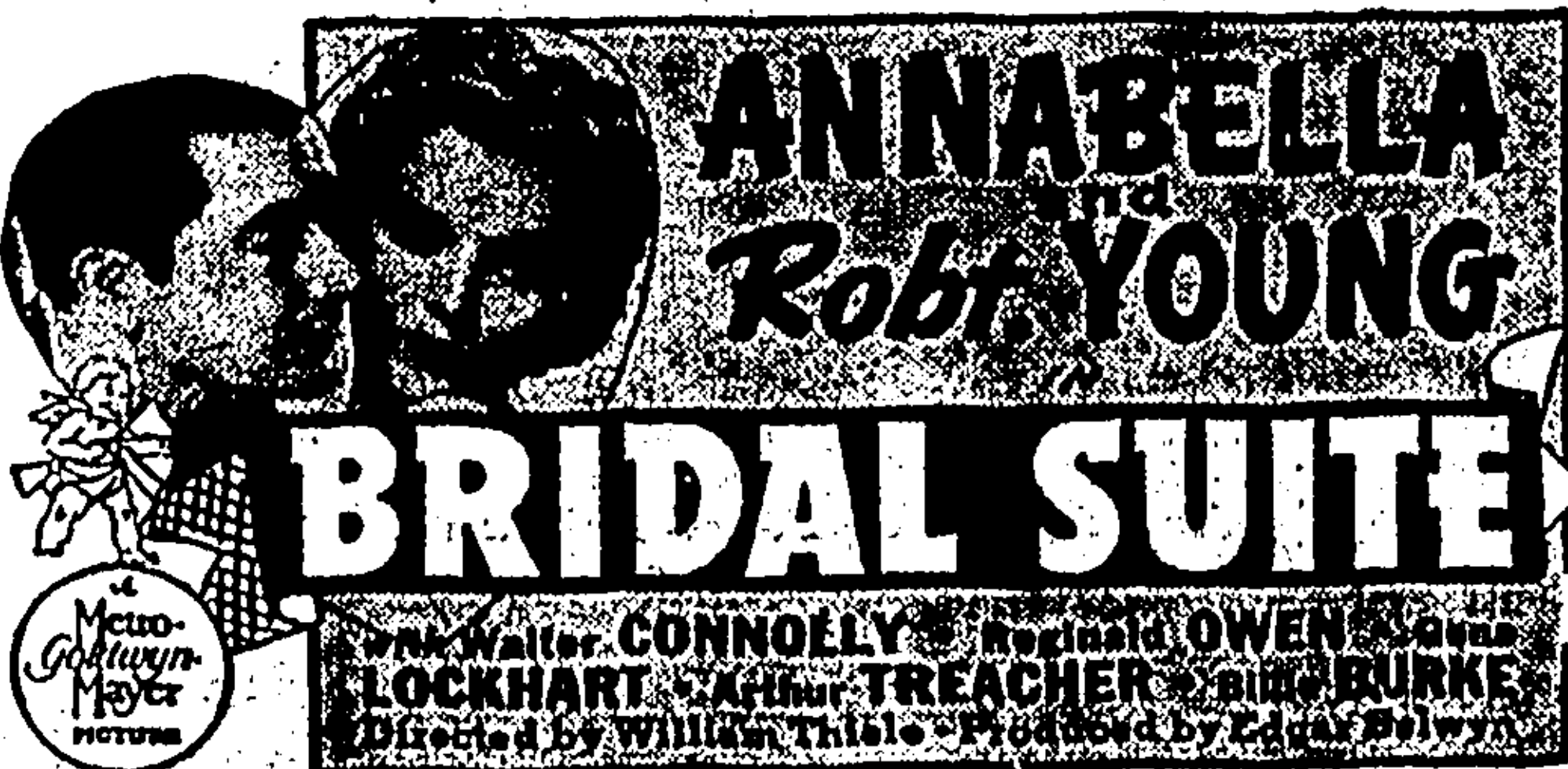


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SENATOR WHEELER ROUSES ANGER OF PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MADE AN IM-PASSIONED OUTBURST AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY AGAINST AN OPPONENT, WHO HE DID NOT NAME, OF THE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING HIM TO CARRY OUT HIS POLICY OF TOTAL AID TO THE DEMOCRACIES.

The President said that he had read in a newspaper that "every fourth American child would be ploughed under" and he described it as "the rottenest lie that has been said in the public life of my generation."

President Roosevelt declined to say who made the statement originally, but he declared that it had been repeated by several people and he added: "It is a good time to kill a poor slogan, at birth."

"I regard that statement as the most untruthful, the most dastardly and the most unpatriotic thing that has ever been said. Quote me on that."

The "Culprit"

Although President Roosevelt declined to name the person responsible, the slogan was the work of the isolationist leader, Senator Wheeler, who has proclaimed the intention of opponents of the Lend-Lease and Lend-Bill to fight to its defeat, not to accept it with modifications.

In a wireless broadcast on Sunday night, Senator Wheeler termed the measure "The New Deal's triple, a foreign policy—to plough under every fourth American boy." — Reuter.

WOMEN DISCUSS SHELTERS

2,000,000 Sleep Away From Home

Miss M. E. Sutherland, of London, chief woman officer to the Labour party, told the National Conference of labour women at Southport that they had no right to plead to the Government that every civilian should have absolute immunity against the bomb.

Miss Sutherland was moving an emergency resolution on air-raid policy which urged the need for setting up a special authority in the Greater London area, and other vulnerable centres, to deal with problems arising from air raids. This was carried unanimously.

Miss Sutherland declared that to say there was no real security except 60ft below the ground was to create panic. The efficacy of other kinds of shelters had been proved in London by the lowering of the casualty rate.

Mayfair Offers Declined

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, the new Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, describing to the National Council of Women in London some of her shelter problems, remarked that there were large houses in Mayfair—whole strings of them, in fact—where people could not be persuaded to go from the Isle of Dogs to live in Ea on Square. One woman who was offered a home for her large family in Eaton Square, had said to her: "Well, miss, whatever would I do with a flat in 'Ea on Square? Where do you think I should do my shopping, Harrods?"

Other points made by Miss Wilkinson were: "People with Anderson shelters must use them or surrender them. Two million people are having to sleep outside their own homes. Strong partitioning walls in shelters increase safety, and the problem of sanitation is being solved very rapidly."

MUST BUILD SHELTER

For failing to comply with a notice of the Marylebone Council to provide air-raid shelter for 140 persons in a commercial building in Bolsover Street, W., Stephen G. Gee was fined £5 and three guineas costs at Marlborough Street. He was ordered to build the shelter within six weeks. The shelter was estimated to

AFRICAN GOVERNORS CONFER

The Governors of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and the Acting Resident of Zanzibar, met in conference at Nairobi yesterday.

An official statement issued at the conclusion of the meeting stated that they had agreed on the formation of an East African Supply Board, to control imports of currency, exchange and supplies for civil needs.

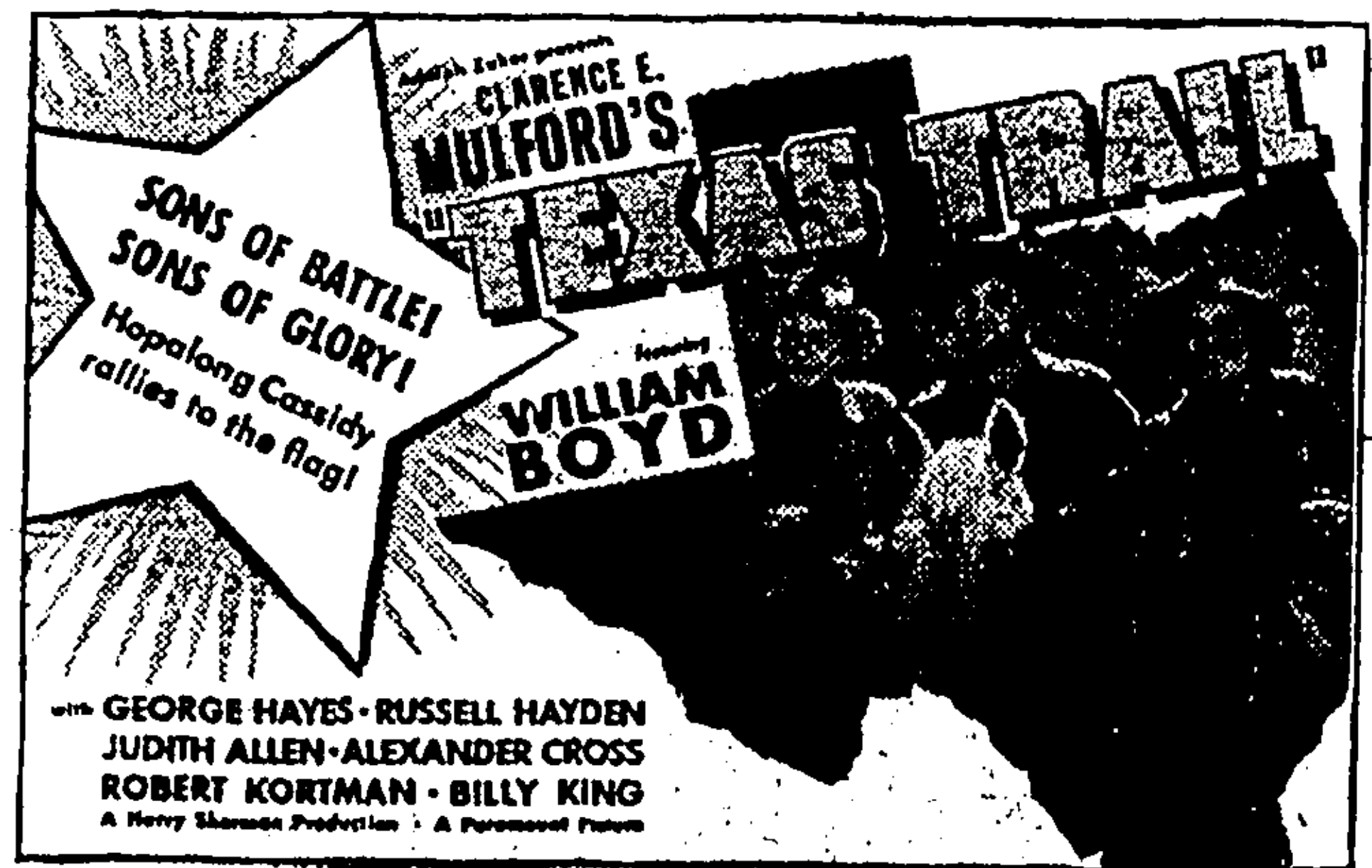
They also agreed on procedure to be adopted for dealing with post-war problems on an East African basis.

Military discussions, attended by the G.O.C., were also held during the conference.—Reuter.

cost about £600, and counsel for the defence said that unless Mr. Gee could get cash or credit from somewhere he could not possibly build it.

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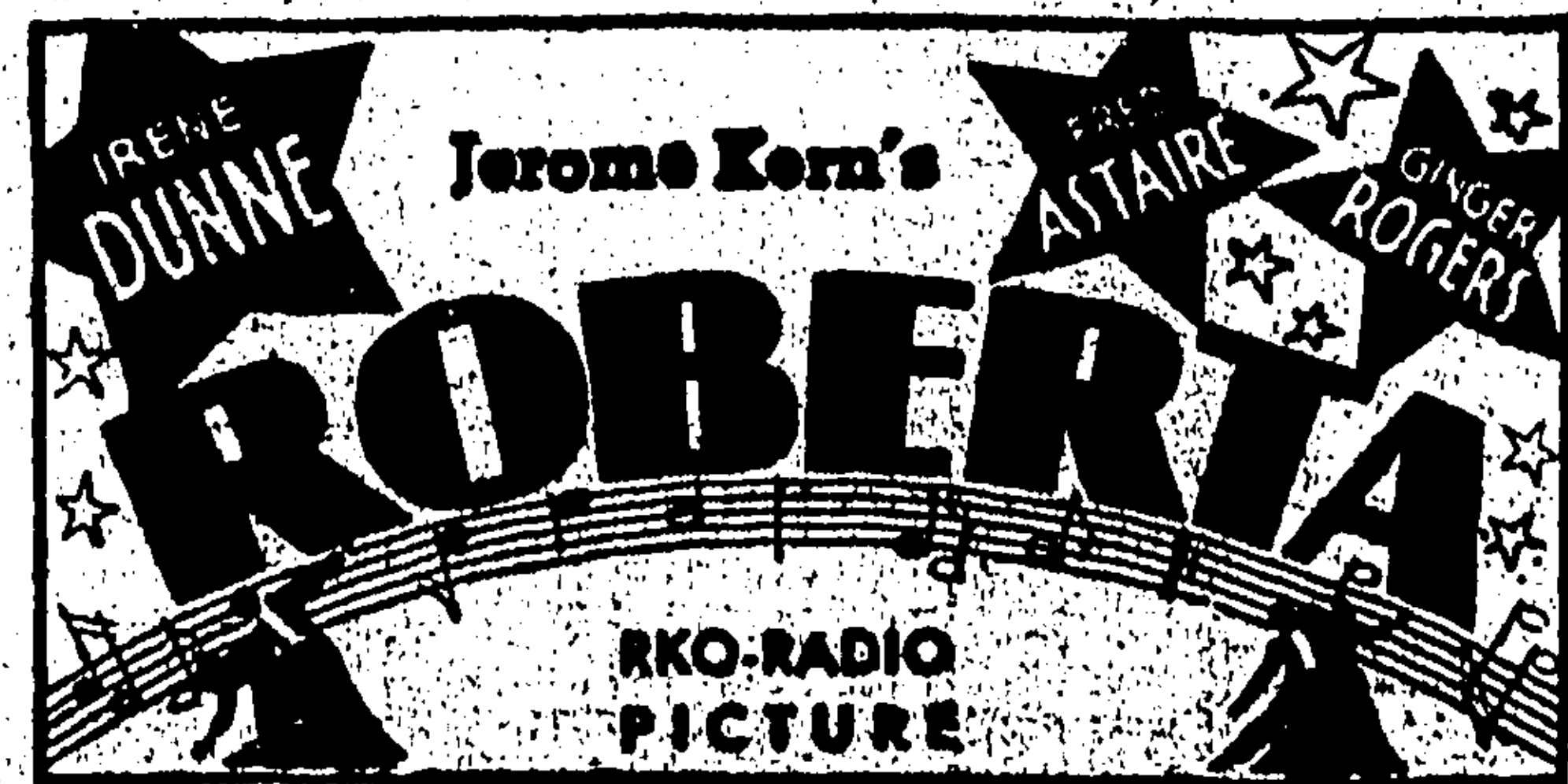
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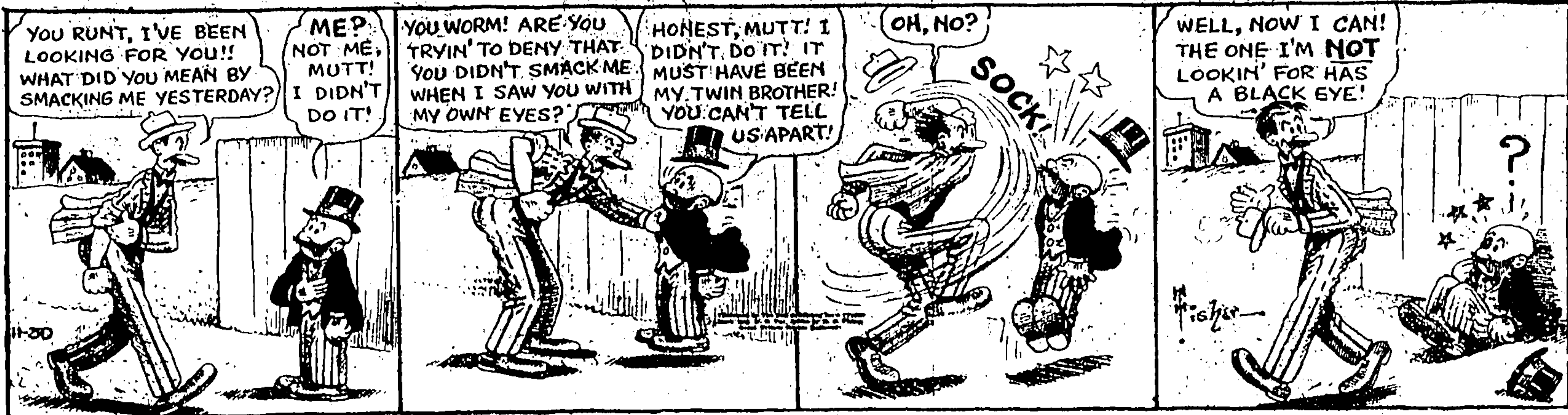
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TO-MORROW: "IRENE"

MUTT AND JEFF

By BUD FISHER



WINTER BUS CURFEW

London's buses—except special ones for late workers—will stop running at ten or eleven o'clock at night during the winter months. The Tubes, however, will run till a later hour.

This was announced by Mr. T. E. Thomas, general operations manager of London Transport.

Mr. Thomas said that as the days became shorter the evening rush hour would become earlier, and the Board was preparing for the peak period to begin about 3.30 p.m.

They found that evening traffic was much more concentrated than before, and traffic which normally would be spread over two hours, was now concentrated into one hour.

Buses loaned by the provinces and Scotland will assist in the restoration of all Green Line coach routes and the strengthening of auxiliary services, added Mr. Thomas. More than 400 buses had already reached London from the provinces.

Express buses would be placed on ten additional routes. "Sheltering in the Tubes is being placed on an orderly basis, so

HER GUESTS HIT—PARTY WAS HELD

By A Special Correspondent

TWO MINUTES after she had taken names of a number of R.A.F. boys for the party she was throwing, a girl answered the 'phone at a first-aid reception post. "Casualty list," said a voice.

She took down the names of some of the boys who were to have been guests. Showing no trace of her emotion, Miss Gladys Ayling, twenty, of North London, went out to receive them, passed from stretcher to stretcher. First she saw the terribly injured body of "Crid," then there was "Dick" and "Dannie," and "Mick" and others.

that the least possible inconvenience will be occasioned to travellers," said Mr. Thomas.

"The Board has agreed to the erection of three-tier bunks at the stations. This will increase the accommodation available.

Mr. Thomas said the supply of refreshments to shelterers had already begun, and it was expected that the service would involve the employment of a staff of 1,000.

If you want to know the easiest way to get to your work or to your home, you can ask one of the new information bureaux now being set up in various London districts

To those who were conscious she murmured words of comfort, and gently stroked their faces.

All night long Gladys went on coolly with the work at her post.

During the night she and her friend, Miss Mollie Wick found the dog mascot of the unit, Boss.

They tended to his wounds and Gladys took him home with her.

Soon after daylight the two girls drove round the hospitals. To Dick and Dannie they took flowers, food and cigarettes.

Mick was allowed to leave hospital. He went to Gladys's home — to the party.

Later in the day Jackie, who despite his injuries had refused to go to hospital, arrived. He, too, had come for the party.

So, bravely, Gladys held her party. "They were such wonderful boys," Gladys told a reporter "When they came to be stationed near my post Mollie and I thought they seemed so lonely that we decided to 'mother' them.

Her Friends

"We bought them crockery, and things to make their hut look homely.

"Several of the boys have been to my home, and we were all so happy that I decided to give a party.

"I went across to their station last night and we all talked about the party.

"I hadn't left them more than a couple of minutes when those German murderers dropped the bomb.

"I knew that there were casualties, but I didn't know it was the boys.

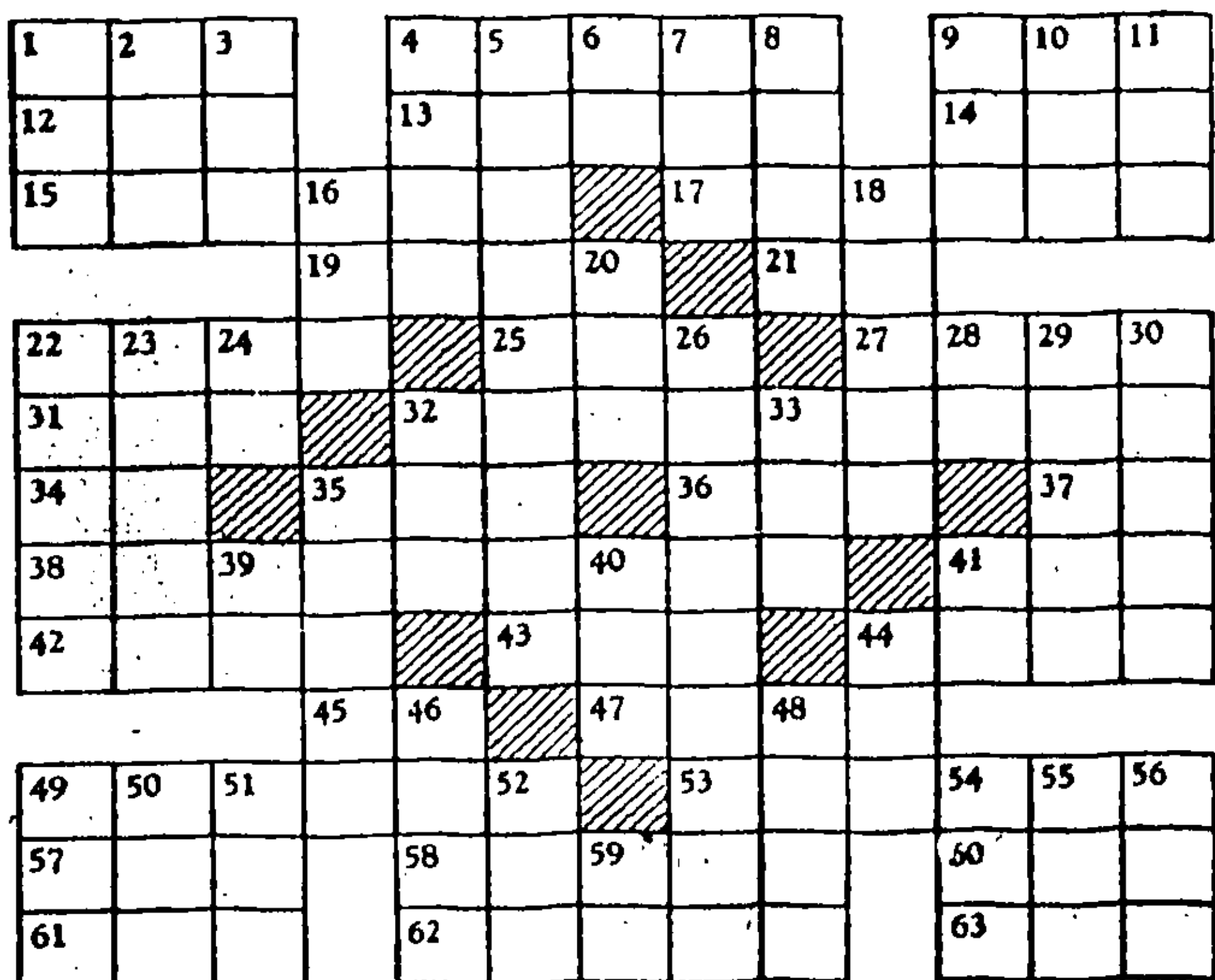
"I was there with my notebook ready to take the names—and the first seven I took were all my friends.

"I was absolutely stunned. It was heartbreaking. But we just have to carry on. It's our job—just keep smiling and make the best of things.

"I feel like a mother who has lost their sons—but I'll look after the boys who have escaped alive."

One of the airmen said: "Gladys is a real darling. She and Mollie — and Boss — were the sweet-hearts of the squad."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 The self
- 4 Live coal
- 9 To exhaust
- 12 Animal's foot
- 13 French river
- 14 Room in a harem
- 15 Alt
- 17 To affix firmly
- 19 Fruit
- 21 Land measure
- 22 Go away
- 25 The lily
- 27 Soon
- 31 Infant
- 32 Insipid truth
- 34 Either
- 36 Brazilian coin
- 38 Halt
- 39 Exits
- 38 Former South American country
- 41 Ditch
- 42 Narrow
- 43 French for "no"
- 44 Fishing-net
- 46 Since
- 47 Merriment

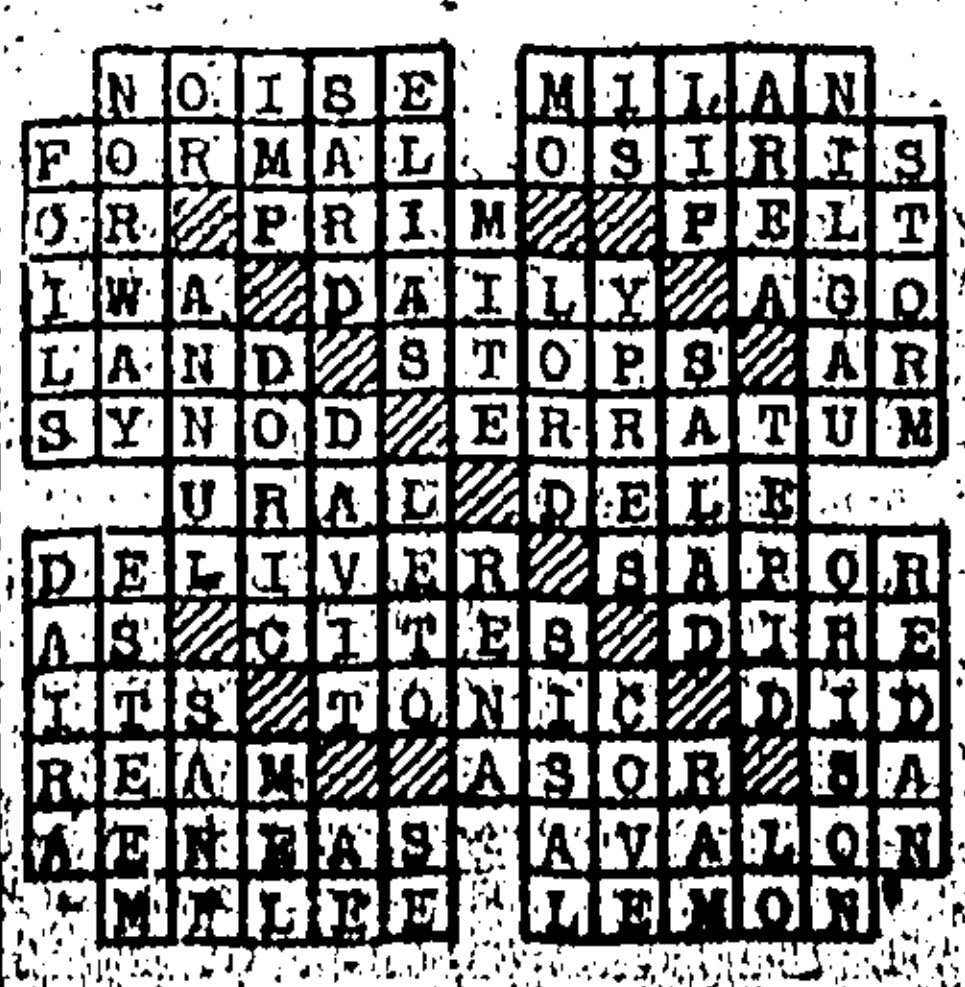
- 49 Thigh armour
- 53 Prophet carried to heaven in a chariot of fire
- 57 Eggs
- 58 Wrong
- 60 Western deity
- 61 Woodland
- 62 To pucker
- 63 Jewel

VERTICAL

- 1 Slender
- 2 Fuel
- 3 Nocturnal bird
- 4 Serf
- 5 Commemorative disk
- 6 Prefix: two
- 7 Girl's name
- 8 California rockfish

- 9 Exclamation of disgust
- 10 Bustle
- 11 Pike-like fish
- 16 Likely
- 18 Wickerwork hamper
- 20 Inlet
- 22 Prevents
- 23 Anthozoan
- 24 Preposition
- 26 Pure
- 28 Greek letter
- 29 Offensive-ness
- 30 Aeries
- 32 Wooden pin
- 33 Yellow bugle
- 35 Assessment
- 38 Toward
- 40 Block of wood
- 41 Egyptian deity
- 44 Garland
- 46 Otherwise
- 48 To surpass
- 49 Glittering fruit
- 51 Man's name
- 53 Australian bird
- 54 Container
- 56 Consumed
- 58 To stitch
- 60 Symbol for tridium

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

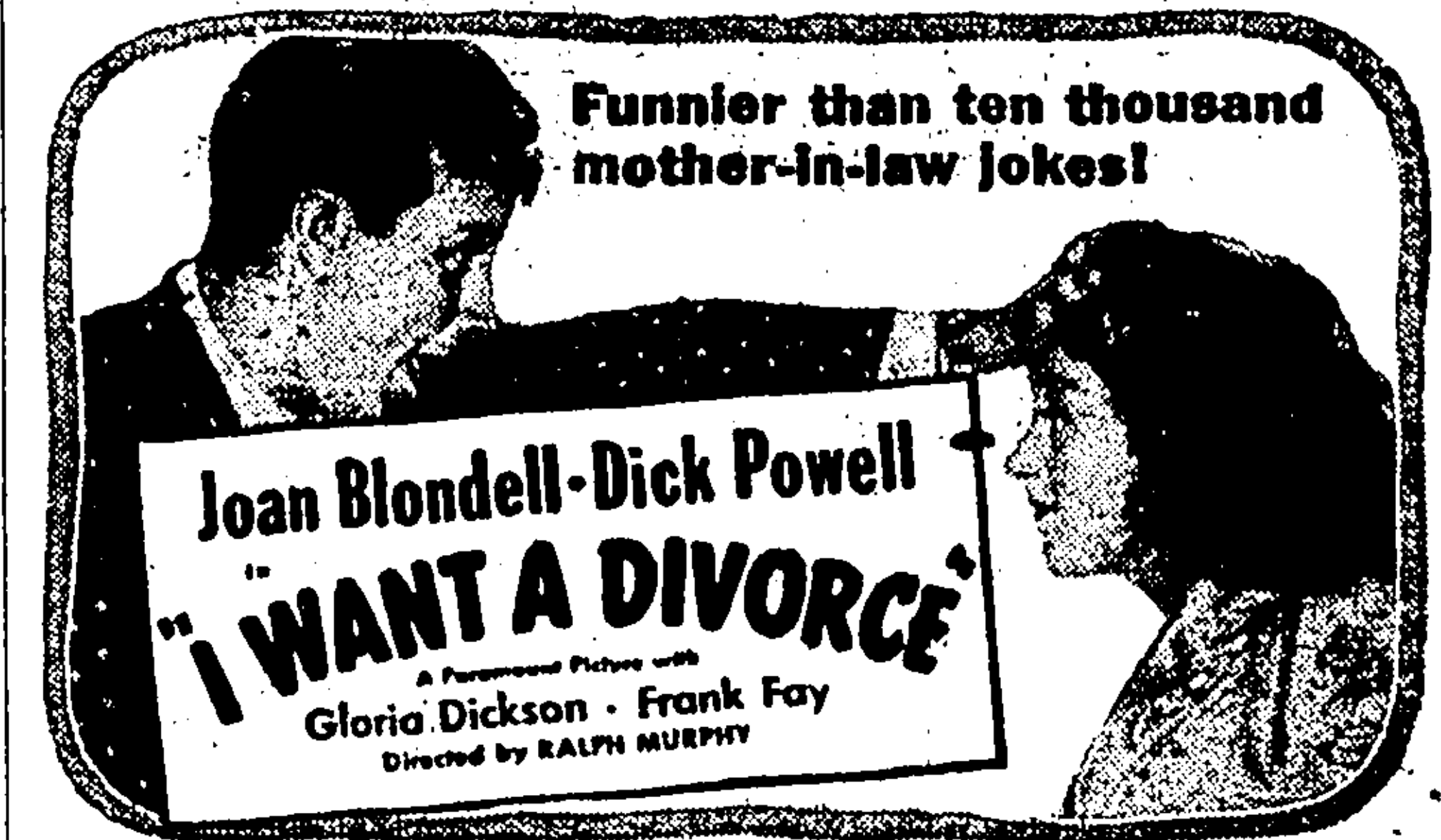


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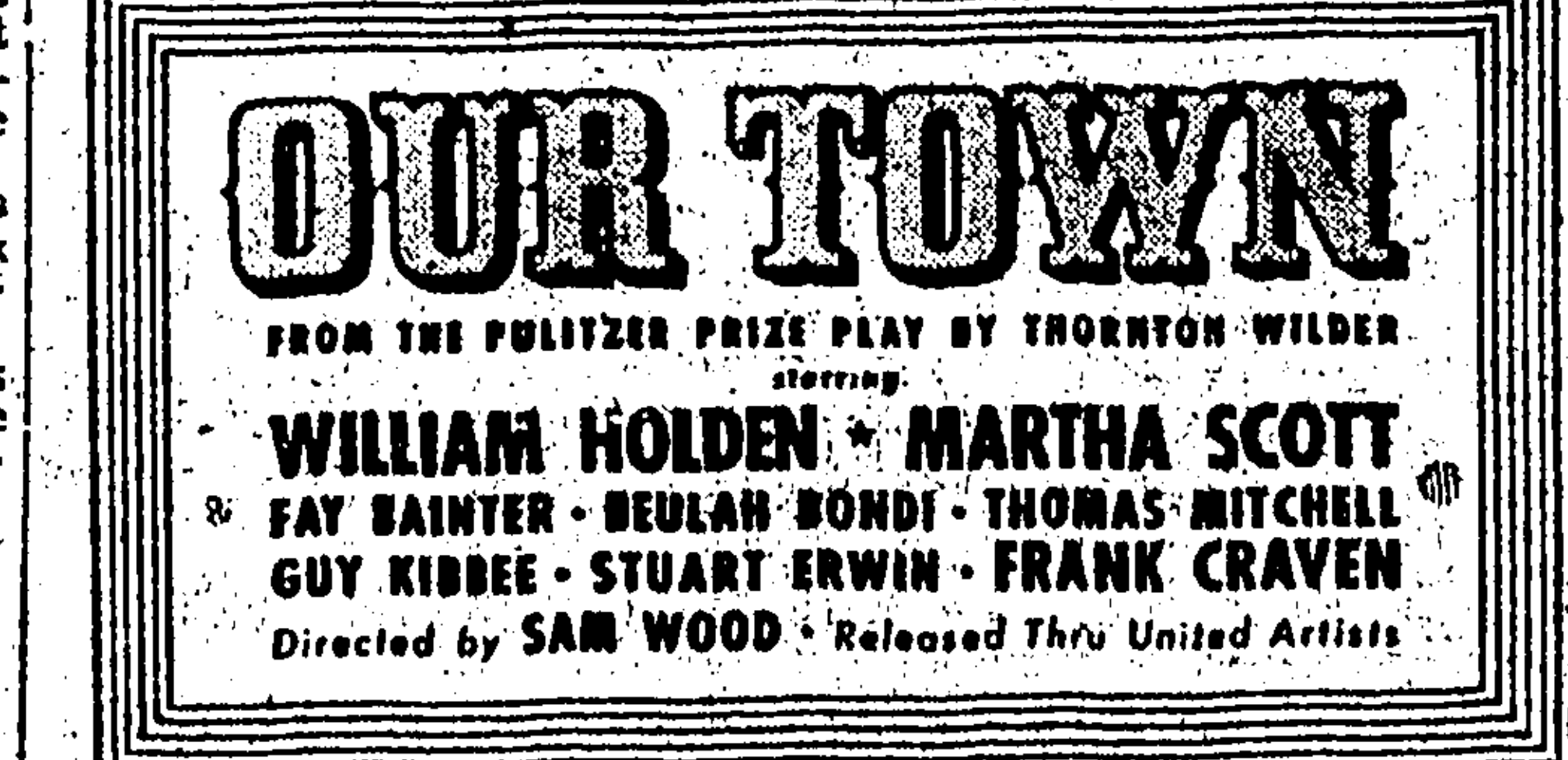


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A VISIT TO OUR AIR UNITS in the Western Desert impresses one at the outset with the preparedness of the organisation and with the keenness of the personnel.

This time I came by sea on the maiden journey of a high-speed launch from Alexandria to the little port in the western desert which is to be its base, writes a special correspondent with the R.A.F. in the field.

The formations quartered here include one of the bomber and one of the fighter squadrons which have so magnificently attacked Graziani's bases.

Both are composed of youngsters whose average age is 25.

They are wonderfully fit and alert, and it is a delight to watch their youthful spirits and to listen to them discussing the merits and demerits of respective machines and their hopes of being in action in the near future.

The squadron leaders are almost as young as the men they command, inordinately proud boys who similarly are deeply respectful of their commanders, whose prowess they so often have occasion to admire. The bomber squadron's leader is a distinguished general's son, only 28 years of age.

Leave Not Wanted

It may be mentioned as an illustration of the keenness of these air boys that when rest leave was introduced there was not a single voluntary response, because it was feared that opportunities might be missed.

Another trait I liked was the modesty of these lads. Nowhere did I hear a single word of self-praise or a voluntary statement of their achievements. One squadron has a little book in which the men themselves record anything which even approaches boastfulness.

Modesty of Pilot

An illustration of this modesty is the case of three bombers sent early in the afternoon to attack Sidi Barrani. After watching them land most skilfully in the dark we adjourned to the mess to await the arrival of the pilots.

Time passed but nothing happened and on inquiring when we would be able to meet the pilots we found to our surprise that they had already come in, just as if they had been out for a stroll.

Not a word was said about the success with which they had just knocked out a considerable quantity of transport and supplies as photographs we saw later testified.

Here, too, is a graphic example of R.A.F. preparedness. While at lunch the fighter squadron's leader was called to the telephone by his group commander. A whispered word to his officers followed and a score interrupted the meal and silently filed out. A few seconds later the drone of Hurricanes filled the air.

At The Alert

When I went out to the aerodrome I learnt that an alarm had been received and that the officers had gone out to man the planes either by standing by ready to follow within 30 seconds of the first take-off or ready as reserves available to follow in five or 10 minutes after the receipt of the final signal.

At breakfast-time recently a sudden downpour of rain, the first of the season, of torrential force and volume, quickly saturated the ground, which became a quagmire on which we slid about like ice.

It did not last long enough permanently to soak the earth, but it was sufficient to give an inkling of what Graziani's transport will suffer if the rains are allowed to catch up with the maddening of roads from the base.

ULTRA-VIOLET RAYS

One of the most fascinating fields of electrical experimentation is with ultra-violet radiation. Ultra-violet rays produce remarkable effects on many minerals and common everyday objects. Many substances, when viewed under ultra-violet light in a dark room, fluoresce or glow in startling fashion. In addition to the purely theatrical effects obtainable these rays have many practical applications. To mention but one: certain chemicals dissolved in water can be used for invisible writing, which becomes clearly visible when exposed to ultra-violet radiation. This principle is used to-day in invisible laundry marks stamped on clothing.

There are several effective sources of ultra-violet light. First of all is the Argon lamp. These bulbs, when screwed into the usual electric light socket, give off a light rich in ultra-violet rays. Many substances, when viewed under the light of an Argon bulb, will fluoresce with striking brilliance. However, to get the most effective results from an Argon bulb it is best to place a filter between the Argon bulb and the object to be examined. This filter is made of a special glass which absorbs most of the ordinary light and passes only the ultra-violet light. When this is done, a great many other substances will fluoresce. Another source of ultra-violet rays lies in the use of a special incandescent lamp, the bulb of which is constructed of a special filtering glass. When this bulb is inserted into the electric light socket and turned on, most of the visible light is absorbed by the glass and only the ultra-violet light shines through.

The third source of light which, however, is much more expensive, is a mercury vapour tube used in connection with a suitable filter. The mercury vapour arrangement will deliver a higher intensity of ultra-violet light.

Fluorescent Substances

Of the easily secured fluorescent chemicals, the ones giving the most striking effects are uranium nitrate, quinine sulphate, eosin, rhodamine and sodium salicylate. Sodium salicylate is found in considerable quantity in the ordinary aspirin tablet. Quinine sulphate gives a pale blue fluorescence in powder form, but when dissolved in water together with a small amount of citric acid, it glows brilliantly. This solution can be used for "invisible writing" and is completely invisible under ordinary lighting.

Eosin fluoresces a pale yellow colour when dissolved in water. With rhodamine a red fluorescent effect is obtained, which is very effective. Rhodamine may be dissolved either in alcohol or water. When dissolved in alcohol, a little shellac may be added to make a fluorescent paint for use on signs or pictures which will show up very strikingly under ultra-violet light.

Among the common household objects which can be used for experimentation are such things as the pearl buttons on shirts, ordinary kitchen glassware (particularly green glassware), nail varnish, olive oil, butter, cheese, and some toilet soaps. Dissolve a bromo-quinine tablet in a tumbler

EVACUEE MET HER DADDY

British troops, newly arrived, were marching along a street in Capetown.

Child evacuees from Britain were among the cheering crowds who lined the route.

Suddenly a little girl, a Londoner, dashed from the pavement and, excitedly shouting, "Daddy!" flung her arms around one of the soldiers.

Thus were a father and daughter reunited thousands of miles from home. Neither knew that the other was in South Africa.

The commanding officer was so impressed with the dramatic meeting that he gave the father one day's special leave to celebrate.

Details of the moving scene have been given in a letter received by a Blackburn business man from his daughter, a nurse in South Africa.

HONG KONG GIFT TO RED CROSS

A further sum of £2,000 has been remitted to the British Red Cross, England, out of the balance of funds with the Hon. Treasury of the British War Organisation. This makes a total of £30,528/8/ to date.

In addition, ten cases of hospital supplies, woollen garments and old clothes have been shipped to British Red Cross, England, and one case of woollen garments to the Royal Naval Depot by the courtesy of the Glen Line Ltd. beginning has also been made with supplies to the Middle East Shipmen's to date have reached a total of 202 cases.

The following appeared in the latest fortnightly Summary of work issued by the British Red Cross:-

"During the two weeks ending 5th October, the Central Hospital Service Supply Department received more than 10,000 gifts from overseas and nearly 33,000 from Home sources. The largest consignment came from Hong Kong, it contained 6,790 items."

bler of water. When placed under ultra-violet light the solution fluoresces a brilliant pink. The fluorescent action is due to the quinine in the water. Ordinary vaseline fluoresces a bright blue colour, as do most lubricating oils. A novel make-up effect had under the ultra-violet lamp by smearing a small dab of vaseline on the lips and cheeks.

Probably the most startling effects of all are those which occur with the finger nails, eyes and teeth when exposed to ultra-violet light. One interesting thing about the fluorescence of teeth is that each tooth fluoresces a different colour. The fluorescence of teeth is due to the presence of certain salts in the enamel.

CHINA MAIL
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TOO MANY SCAPEGOATS

When so many of a dictator's right-hand men must step down, the dictator himself is in a questionable position. This must be the reaction of many Italians to the resignations of Fascist Italy's biggest names from the most important posts in that country's military and naval forces.

General Soddu's abandonment of the task he found too big for him in Albania seems to add point to the recent similar resignations of Marshal Badoglio, Admiral Cavagnari and General de Vecchi.

Badoglio was quite the most outstanding military figure in Italy, and popular among the ranks of the Italian soldiery. His removal may have had adverse effects on the morale of Italian troops and thus may be a minor blunder added to the major blunders which have led to the wholesale shake-up.

Badoglio was not an ardent Fascist, but the shake-up was not simply a party matter, whatever part internal strains have played in it. Admiral Cavagnari was a Fascist, and to him went credit for modernising Italy's Navy. Possibly Il Duce felt that under him the Italian Navy had not lived dangerously enough though danger was sufficiently present even within the harbour at Taranto. General de Vecchi, Governor of the Dodecanese Islands, was one of those famous Fascists that took part in the March on Rome. But the Dodecanese Islands, which should be an Italian threat to anti-Axis Turkey, are today in danger themselves. Il Duce needs reassurance that they are in the hands of an able military leader.

These and General Soddu's resignation tell the Italian people what they may have suspected but were never permitted to read in military dispatches. The "purge" reveals Premier Mussolini in need of a flock of scapegoats for the course of the war in Greece and the Mediterranean. It confirms the opinion of the outside world that the Italian reverses are having important effects inside Italy; but few observers would have estimated these effects in such terms as Il Duce now advertises them.

They are an outcome of premature moves by the Italian dictator. The first of these was Italy's entry into the war when the fall of France was imminent.

"What's the good of war? It's no good at all. A bunch of sharps and crooks make the wars. I'm against it all, have nothing to do with it," said Henry Ford, sitting on the horsehair sofa in the old replanted Clinton Inn at Dearborn, his native place, now the centre of the world's biggest motor works, which he has created.

"But didn't I see your people driving piles for a building to make 4,000 Pratt and Whitney engines for warplanes?" I asked. "That's the plant," said Mr. Ford with a hard twinkle. "I've got an alibi." He would not discuss the matter except to say two things about his refusal to make the Rolls-Royce engines, of which two-thirds of the output were to go to the British. He said that "that man" (Mr. Roosevelt) wanted to go on making war and get everything going his way. "I'm against helping him do that," said Mr. Ford. "And another reason is that I don't like the Rolls engine; I've got a better one."

'Knocking Their Heads'

Mr. Ford, however, was wearing a friend's (and for the first time) a Willie button. But Willie was for all aid to Britain. Was he with Willie in that? Mr. Ford shook his head. "War was all wrong. You could get around a table and settle the whole thing." I suggested that that was the beginning of the trouble. The British believed in peace so thoroughly that they got around a table in Munich and then Hitler broke the agreement they made there and seized Czechoslovakia. Could anyone sit around a table with a man who never kept agreements? Would Mr. Ford sit around a table if the Communists seized his works? He replied that he had never seen a real Communist and was doubtful if there was one. He had seen plenty that called themselves Communists. Later he remarked that you had to have a big defence power so that you could knock together the heads of the fellows who were making all the trouble, but later he doubted defence too.

Mr. Ford, like many another idealist, was clearly at odds with himself under the pressure of the shattering events in Europe and the menace of the Nazi power that was against everything (except perhaps mechanisation) that he himself cared for. He did not conceal his liking for England and spoke of the United States as the "big brother." We had the same language and everything. I had said something about the strong, hefty-looking workmen on the assembly line at his Rouge River works, and he replied that the men at Dagenham, in England ("the biggest factory in the world under one roof"), were every bit as good, healthy, upstanding men. "All in one model too—English."

German Efficiency

But what seemed recurring to his mind was the mechanical or-

The second was Italy's venture in Greece, undertaken without sufficient preparation. Both of these moves are said to have been opposed by Badoglio and other military experts. If Il Duce sought to copy Hitler's way of moving ahead of the advice of his generals and yet coming out on the right side, then the Italian leader has damaged his prestige not only at home and among "neutrals" but in Berlin as well.

The shake-up is significant of what has happened in Italy as well as elsewhere since the beginning of the Greek war. It is no sign that Italy can be counted out of the war and should not raise false optimism among friends of freedom. Some of the new appointments promise a more vigorous and venturesome policy. But for the time being, Il Duce stands as his own supreme scapegoat.

The Ideas Of Mr. Henry Ford

A Revealing Interview

By the "Manchester Guardian" Correspondent, James Bone

organisation and ability of the German people. "When the Germans left Belgium and France after the last war," he said, "they had improved the working there by 25 per cent in the method and plant of the factories." He returned to the point once or twice and said that "war was the best, worse thing that can happen." But he hated it. The English people did not work hard enough. The Americans did not work as hard as they should either.

I accused him of forming his opinion, as so many distinguished Americans did, from Mayfair dinner tables. Had he ever been to the Clyde, where they made ships that the world knew about, or Leeds and Bradford, where they made the woollens that all Americans wanted to buy? Had he ever visited Manchester apart from his own works there?

Mr. Ford admitted that he had never been in Scotland or Leeds and Bradford and that he hadn't seen much of Manchester, but he insisted he had seen a lot of England and he had visited plenty of farms, and some of them were very good.

One got the impression that the industrialist leader was in one of the phases that had come to him several times in his life. He had said that he always knew in time when he was on the wrong track. Then he would stop and make a new decision. He had stopped on his course and made some momentous decisions in the past. Would he do so again? No one, they say, influences Mr. Ford, but if he is turning towards aid to Britain he would be going in the same direction as his kindly and charming wife. They celebrated their golden wedding two years ago.

A Children's Service

The conversation was continued next day at the Ford mansion in the Dearborn grounds, where I had also the privilege of meeting Mrs. Henry Ford, whose mother came from Warwick. The other persons present were Mr. Ford's distinguished doctor and a friend. My appointment was to meet him at half-past eight in the morning at the little "Martha and Mary" church—named after his mother and his wife—at Dearborn, in the rural precinct where sheep and horses survive and there are old London statues and revolutionary period inns and shops. I noticed that he got out of his motor before it stopped.

A tall, spare, active, high-shouldered figure in a grey suit with a Macdonald tie and a hairguard for his watch, he looks at you with a half-serious, half-quizzical expression. He is not taking your questions very seriously and you are not to take all his replies too seriously. He has a natural dignity and does not stand on it. He has none of the great man's sense of importance; he expects no special deference. "I'll go up first," he said, and he ran up the narrow gallery stair like a youth. "I wish I could run upstairs like that," I said at the top. "Ah, maybe I was just showing off," said Mr. Ford with a grin.

He put me to sit in the front row and sat behind me in the second row watching the service. There was a pause at one time before the children began to sing. "They're waiting for the go-ahead," he said. It was a chapel of children from the Ford school near by with Mr. Ford's plan of undenominational service. It included the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments in verse, some hymns, and two recitations about Columbus—it was Columbus Day, one by a boy and one by a girl, and secular songs. "My bonnie lies over the ocean" and "America the Beautiful," all very patiently and prettily sung. None of the children looked up at Mr. Ford. Teachers also were in the gallery.

Farming In England

We filed out and after a talk with the teachers walked across the grass to the Clinton Inn, an old Michigan roadside hostelry replanted here and replenished with period furniture and pictures. Mr. Ford made me sit on the horsehair sofa and sat himself at the other end and we talked. It was very friendly, homely, disputative talk, probably in some ways much in the vein of talk that passed on that sofa when it was new. People didn't work hard enough in England. Why didn't they raise their own food? He had sat next to Churchill at a dinner at Sir Philip

Sassoon's house in London. There were a lot of people there, and he had asked Churchill, "Why don't you work the land?" It was in 1930.

Churchill (said Mr. Ford) said that they could not raise enough food; they had to buy their food and make things to sell to other people, and that kind of talk. I told him they should raise their own food. The next day I went to find a farm to buy it and prove it. I bought one for about a million dollars at Boreham, it was called, out of London. It was an old mansion place, about three square miles of land, some of it swampy. And we raised plenty of food and made it pay the first year. It's going on now; the girls are running it. I don't say they can't farm in England—I saw some fine farms—but they're too small.

Mr. Ford talked about the small tractors ploughing the field we had passed. They did the work whatever the lie of the soil and kept steady. We had seen a host of them on fields working at twenty miles an hour. Mr. Ford was enthusiastic about these hydraulic ploughs, invented by Mr. Ferguson, the famous North of Ireland engineer, who worked with the Ford organisation. They would change a lot of things in agriculture all over the world. From that he passed to soya beans, which the Ford estate is cultivating on a big scale, and he showed fine wool made from them—I did not, however, see the Ford suit made from the wool—and rough, strong fibre stuff; then to plastics from the bean, and the great man's face lit up as he spoke of cars that would be made of plastic, half the weight of the present car.

Animals And Survival

He returned to animals and his well-known doubts of four-footed animals as qualifying for survival. One of these days we would probably get quit of them. The cow's chance of survival particularly seemed thin. Following this train of thought he asked with a mischievous flash if I'd heard of the dog that was in the papers that insisted on always walking on two legs. I wonder what the old horsehair sofa would have thought of such heresy.

Constantly he returned to the land and how it could be better used for the good of mankind. I remembered one of the mottoes on the walls of the gigantic rotunda where the new models and globe of the world—showing the territory of Fordlandia, in Brazil, where the Ford rubber estates are now developing—are displayed, which seemed to crystallise the great mechanic's code—"With one foot on the land and one on industry, America is safe." One wondered if there was ever another great industrialist who put the land first, as Henry Ford does. Incidentally, his policy of settling units of twenty-five men in villages where there is a stream that can be dammed to give power so that they can make bolts and nuts and small gadgets has brought money and life into many decaying parts of rural Michigan.

The talk ranged from beavers' teeth and exercise to heaven. ("When you're there you'll want to get back here pretty quick—you'll want to get to your work") and reincarnation. And in all he said you felt that you were with an "original" in the old sense of the word when most communities had a man who had his own original conceptions compared with whom other people seemed like standardised types. Queer it was to think that the man who had produced more movable objects exactly alike than anyone else in the world should himself be unlike anyone else. He would advance outrageous propositions and sit back to see how you took them, and he would propound ideas about the Jews and about the press that left one speechless.

The Jews

"You can't believe anything in the papers; maybe some of it's the truth but not the whole of it," he said. While confident that Hitler "was a dub, just a dub," he hinted darkly about people behind Hitler. One could not be sure how seriously these theories were held. The best he would say about the Jews, was that you could not do without them. "The Gentiles wouldn't work if the Jews weren't here."

Like many another, he had entertained his mind with ideas about having lived before. The whole thing that mattered was what experience we brought from

a former life and what we gathered in this life to pass on to help other people on to a next life. It's the sum of what we carry on from our generation to another that makes the essence of experience the thing. As we passed on to a lighter vein I asked if in a future incarnation he would not bother making old-fashioned things like motor-cars and would concentrate on aeroplanes? He said he didn't know anything about that or what he would be like in another life. "The only thing is," said Henry Ford, "that I'd like to be sure of getting the same wife."

But although holding himself aloof from the Ford workshops in producing the 4,000 Pratt and Whitney warplane engines Mr. Ford is working with his characteristic concentration on a civil aeroplane of a new type. He intimated that it would have a gyroscope that would take it up and land in, say, the floorspace of that small inn; go right away and so save all the power wasted on rising and landing. The engines would be in the wings and a lot of the exhaust would be saved. It would have a lot of new points. He was working on models. So the life of future generations may be immensely affected by what Henry Ford is devising in his present incarnation, just as his motor-cars have affected the life of the generation that is now passing. He had only been in a plane himself three times, twice with Lindbergh.

Motor-Cars

One part of Henry Ford's achievements that particularly impressed me was the biological difference he had made to the United States by enlarging the area of marriage selection of rural communities from a buggy ride to a motor-car ride—say from ten miles to a hundred and fifty—and so made the meeting-pot really melt.

Mr. Ford, as in everything discussed, where there was a side of self-appreciation brushed that aside. It had made a difference, he said. "The motor-car is the greatest educator we've got. A man takes his family 500 miles in his car on holiday and they meet another family from the other side that has come the same distance. They talk together, tell their experiences to one another, and back they go to pass some of it on to their home folks. That's good mixing." The radio was doing the same thing. I suggested that the motor-car had prevented the United States from having a peasantry. He said everyone came into towns now, and perhaps too much.

The Ford Peace Ship. We came to that at last as an instance of how a man gathers lasting experiences. He recalled Miss Jane Addams and the idea of the Peace Ship in the last war to get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas. There were 25 or 26 women on board and a lot of discussion. They got to Denmark, and the newspaper folk came on board and they talked and talked. The result of all this was that Mr. Ford got an idea of forces and schemes he did not know of behind the war, so he left the ship and went back to the United States. He had 100 days of it all. It cost him \$400,000, but the experience was worth it.


Energy And Freshness

It is not possible to give an idea of the energy, ingenuity, freshness of mind, naivete in many ways, originality, native wit and business shrewdness, optimism tinged with caustic experience, kindness and flinty hardness, and a strange kind of humbleness ("I'm just a tool") in this industrial king. His face in repose has that remote look that we call ascetic and is seen frequently in religious people. It is the expression of the rare will-power that can produce periods of complete mental concentration, an expression one would recall well on the faces of Arthur Keith, the great anthropologist, and John Buchan, the writer. "Faith is what we gather from experience," said Henry Ford.

He is seventy-seven, and although he cannot touch his toes—he tried to do so in the Clinton Inn that day—he can do a couching exercise at a chair that few people can do at fifty and can still run a hundred yards and dance old-fashioned dances with his wife at the Ford parties. He plans, as I have said, an aeroplane for the world at peace. He is still a great force in the industry of the world. Will he ultimately turn his genius and that industry to the aid of democracy in its peril?

I said my say and we shook hands. "You're hide-bound," said Henry Ford, and he added after a pause, "Maybe I'm hide-bound, too."

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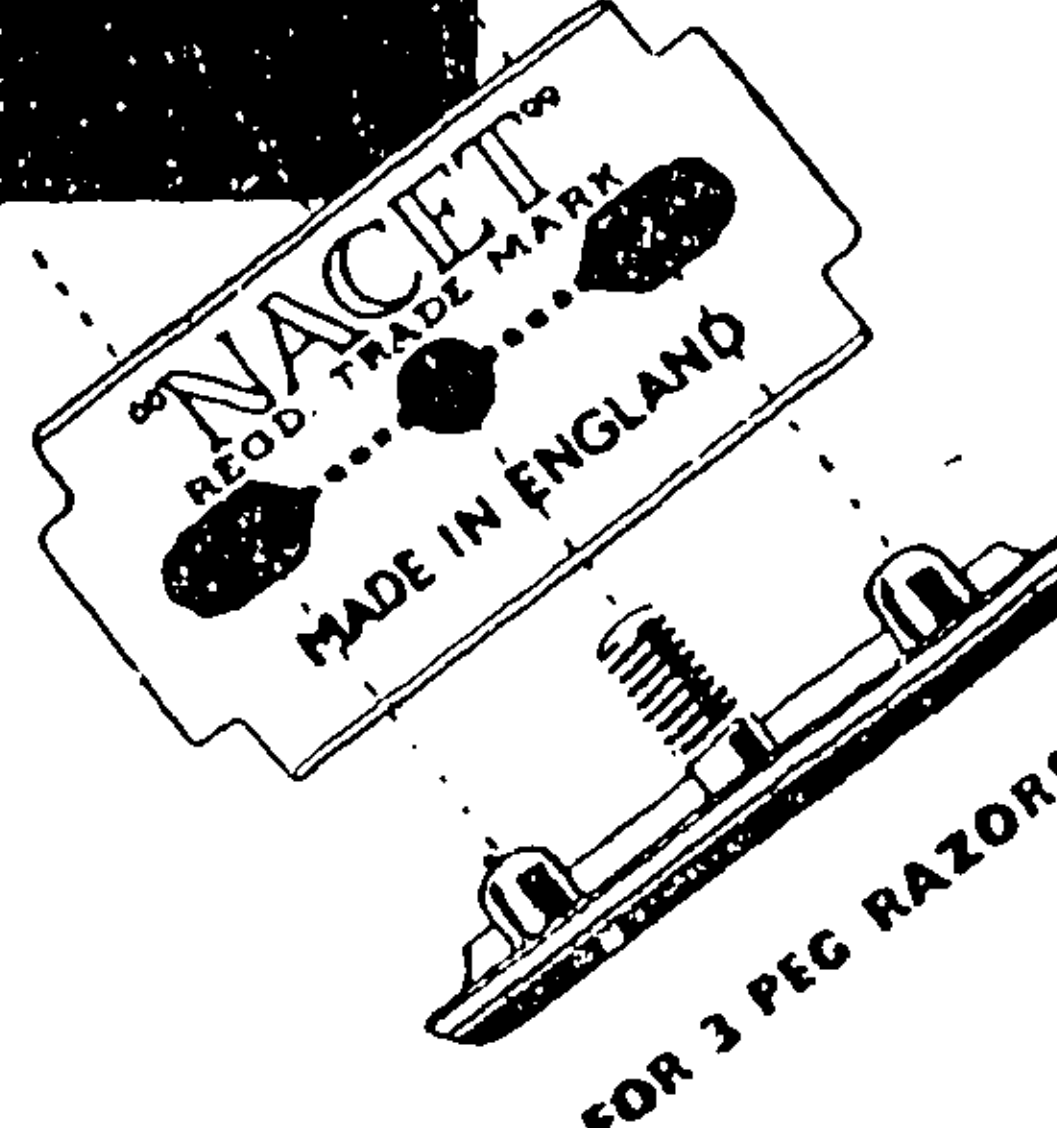
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ADMIRALTY GIVES FACTS OF ACTION IN MEDITERRANEAN

AN ADMIRALTY communique was issued last evening in the course of which the facts are given regarding the recent German and Italian air attacks on British naval units in the Mediterranean, which have been the subject of a series of specious claims in Italian and German communiques.

The Admiralty communique states: "Our naval forces have been operating in the Central Mediterranean during the period, January 7 to 13, covering the passage of convoys through the Mediterranean.

On the morning of January Tenth when in the Sicilian Channel, two Italian destroyers were encountered.

One of these, of the Spica class, was sunk but the other managed to escape. Later, H.M.S. Gallant was damaged by mine or torpedo but has arrived in harbour.

German and Italian air forces, working from Italian bases, and including a number of dive bombers, made great efforts against our ships during these operations. H.M.S. Illustrious was hit and received some damage and casualties. One of our cruisers, H.M.S. Southampton was also hit and suffered casualties.

Twelve enemy aircraft, at least, were shot down and a further number damaged.

The main object of the operations, which was that of passing a convoy from west to east, was carried out according to plan. This convoy carried important material assistance for Greece.—British Wireless.

The "Illustrious"

H.M.S. Illustrious was one of the ships from which the Fleet Air Arm dealt its crippling blow to the Italian Navy at Taranto. She is one of Britain's newest aircraft-carriers, with a displacement of 23,000 tons and carrying about 70 aircraft.

H.M.S. Southampton is a cruiser of 9,000 tons displacement and she was launched at Clydebank in 1936. She received her first war scar in the early days of the war when a bomb struck her a glancing blow during an air attack in the Firth of Forth.

RUMANIAN WATERS MINED

RUMANIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS HAVE BEEN DECLARED A DANGER ZONE FOR SHIPPING IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE RUMANIAN NAVY MINISTER AND QUOTED BY ANKARA RADIO YESTERDAY.

Ships desiring to navigate in these waters of the Black Sea must obtain permission and notify the port authorities, it is stated.

No reason for this measure is given.—Reuter.

UPWARD TREND ON STOCK MARKET

The upward trend of prices on the London Stock Exchange, with broadening enquiries, is giving cause for general satisfaction. Gilt-edged were again favoured, while several Brazilian bonds continued their advance. On the other hand Japanese bonds encountered offerings. Industrials attracted buying interest, especially electric equipments and building shares, while among oils Mexican Eagles were the most popular feature. Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

SAFE CONDUCT PROPOSAL

The uncomfortable position of the Italians in Italian East Africa, and particularly in Abyssinia, where the continued subjugation of so recently conquered a people must be making severe demands upon a garrison cut off from its home bases, has been exciting interest in some countries abroad.

The suggestion has even appeared in foreign newspapers that, in view of the memories of the Italian conquest and the severities which followed it, the risk of wholesale massacres is great and that the Italian authorities in East Africa might be well advised to seek safe conduct at least for Italian women and children in Abyssinia who could be sent to Rome.

The attention of official circles here has been called to these suggestions.

It is understood that there is, at present, no knowledge of any move of this kind, but that should such a request come from the Italian authorities in East Africa, it would certainly receive the most careful and sympathetic consideration.—British Wireless.

BLAZING CAR RIDDLE: THREE DIE TRAPPED

THREE PEOPLE WERE killed in an accident which no one saw when they were trapped in their car, which overturned and caught fire about three miles from Pontypool, on the main road to Abergavenny, recently.

Victims were Regimental Sergeant-Major James Truman Howell, forty-one, his wife, Mrs. May Howell, forty, and their six-year-old daughter Annetta, of Spencer Road, Newport Mon.

Firemen, police, soldiers and civilians tried to extinguish the fire with buckets filled from a ditch, but they were beaten back by the intense heat.

When the fire was eventually brought under control the three charred bodies were recovered.

One of the first on the scene was a bus driver, Cedric Williams, who attacked the flames with a fire extinguisher.

Blaze Unapproachable

"A wide area round the car was on fire, and it was impossible to get near the car," he said.

MENDOZA PUTS TO SEA AGAIN

The French steamer "Mendoza" which took refuge in Uruguayan waters after being intercepted by the British auxiliary cruiser, H.M.S. Asturia, on Monday, has left again for an unknown destination.

The Mendoza spent Monday night at the entrance to Montevideo harbour channel. She left early yesterday morning. Originally, she left Buenos Aires with general cargo for Unoccupied France, on Friday, in an attempt to run the British blockade.—Reuter.

NARROW ESCAPE OF AMERICANS

Chungking was raided for the first time this year yesterday, when Japanese aircraft rained bombs and machine-gunned various parts of China's wartime capital.

The "Life" magazine cameraman, Carl Mydans, and his wife, Shelley, had a very narrow escape as their air-liner was preparing to land when the raiders appeared.

They managed to land, however, and flee to safety in time.—Reuter.

The only survivor of the family is a four-year-old son, who was staying at Shrewsbury.

EPIC OF THE SEA

"WHAT MORE COULD A MAN WANT?"

(By A Special Correspondent)

THIS IS THE STORY of a little ship. The story has been written before in the annals of British naval history. It was immortalised when the Revenge set sail against the Spanish Fleet.

This time instead of Philip's fifty-three galleons the ship met twenty of Hitler's Heinkels, but the odds were much the same. She took them on single-handed just as her predecessor tackled the Dons 350 years ago.

Her commander was a little bald man with a quiet voice. A few months ago he was a university lecturer. Then he became a Lieutenant in the R.N.V.R. But he was bred in the same tradition as Sir Richard Grenville. He had the same motto, "Fight on!"

Fired On Nazis

He deliberately fired on a wave of Nazi bombers to keep them from sinking a convoy and diverted their attention for twenty minutes.

They dropped their bombs on him instead of on the merchant ships.

With his little 4.4 gun he brought down one Nazi plane before Spitfires chased the rest back to the French coast.

The little ship was leaking badly. On her deck were dead and dying men. Her guns were out of action.

But her commander refused to abandon her. Somehow he managed to get her back to an English port.

Somehow he lived to tell the tale of victory against impossible odds.

This is his story:

"We were out in the Channel, over thirty miles from land on a special mission. We had a crew of fifty.

"A convoy was passing in single file and we were near the tail of it.

"Suddenly the sky was black with enemy bombers. Three waves swooped to attack the convoy. We were just within range of the last twenty.

"We opened fire with our 4.4 gun. It worked. The Nazis were so annoyed that they turned and left the convoy and dropped their bombs on us.

"They hit every single thing on the ship it was possible to hit.

"Why they didn't send us straight to the bottom I can't imagine.

"For a few minutes it was difficult to realise what was happening amid the hail of bombs. But before they hit our gun we sent one of them crashing into the sea.

"The man on the bridge next to me was killed. I caught him as he fell and my uniform was soaked with his blood.

"About half the crew were on deck. Only about five of them escaped uninjured. The rest were killed or seriously hurt.

"Like A Colander"

"It was worth it all to see our Spitfires come up and chase the Jerries away. Those pilots are grand lads.

"But when they'd all gone the ship was like a colander—it was so full of holes.

"The chief engineer crawled up on deck and said we should have to abandon ship as one boiler had gone.

"I told him we were going to make port and ordered him to get up steam somehow. He did it.

"It seemed like a miracle when we started moving, though we were limping along at about five knots.

"We had no doctor on board. One man's brains were sticking out of his head.

"Picking up a lump of cotton wool I bunged it on and put some plaster on it. They told me later it was the worst thing that could have been done, as cotton wool sucks out the blood.

"But by some amazing chance the man recovered in hospital.

"So instead of killing him I saved his life, though there's no credit for doing so.

"My instruments had all been smashed and our course had to be set by the sun. For more than thirty hours we just went on limping along. You can't guess what it felt like when they said land was in sight.

"Me?" For the first time the little man hesitated. "Oh, I was all right. Only a few cuts and scratches. But I'm no hero."

Promoted

I don't mind admitting that bombing shook me up a bit. My nerves were dicky for a few days, but they sent me straight back to work, and that was absolutely the best cure I could have had.

"Reward? Well, of course, I was pleased when the Admiral sent for me next day and congratulated me on bringing my ship in. I never expected that.

"But now I'm perfectly happy. They've made me a lieutenant-commander, so I've got promotion and a new command. I'll soon be back on the job again. What more could a man want?"

TRIBUNALS FOR THE RESERVED

Business executives, office workers and men in some other reserved occupations will no longer be automatically exempted from the Forces.

Each will soon have to satisfy a committee that his firm's work is of national importance, or that he cannot be replaced by another man or woman.

The setting up of advisory committees to consider this change in the reserved schedule is announced by the Ministry of Labour.

The first committee to get to work will examine the position of men in the London area who are registered as office or departmental managers — jobs for which the reserved age is thirty.

The advisory committee consists of Professor D. T. Jack, Professor of Economics at King's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne (chairman); Mr. J. S. McLean, a member of the executive council of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce; and Mr. W. Stott, former general secretary of the Railway Clerks' Association.

Six occupations are added to the reserved list. They are:

At thirty, Dry miller (cement manufacture) and cargo supervisor; at twenty-five, salvage manager or officer and assistant salvage manager or officer. Men in these jobs who are already in the Forces or called up will not be released.

WOMAN STRUCK BILLET OFFICER

Two women who did not want to take in evacuees were fined at Maidenhead, Berks. — one for hitting a billeting officer, the other for not obeying a billeting order.

Mrs. Ethel Florence Hicks, of St. Margaret's Road, was fined £1.

When a small boy was brought to her house she threw the billeting order to the ground and struck the officer.

She left a little boy with his bundle outside in the cold and her husband took the boy back to the billeting office.

"Husband Forbade It"

Mrs. Hicks said she already had one child evacuee and her husband had forbidden her to have another.

Mrs. Margaret Ashling, an elderly woman, of St. Antony's College Road, was fined £3. Though she has seven rooms she had escaped the inconvenience of billeting since June.

When a mother and her little boy went to the house they were refused admittance.

Billeting Officer Nora Grey said Mrs. Ashling pushed her downstairs and declared: "I won't have them."

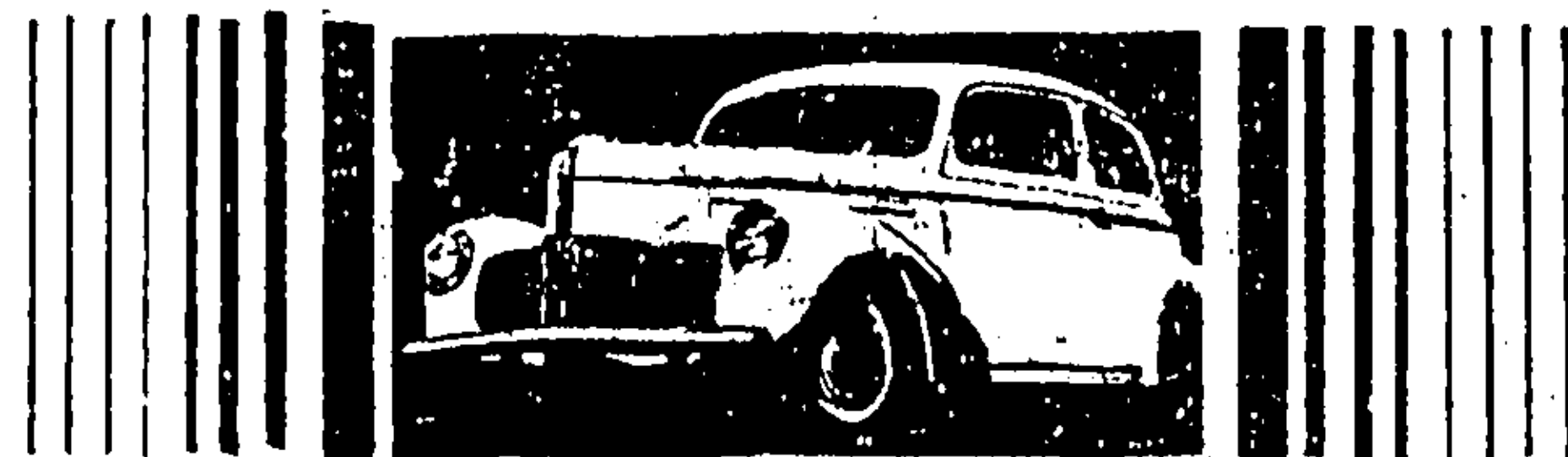
Mrs. Ashling said she had no one to look after them. Her maid looked after the house.

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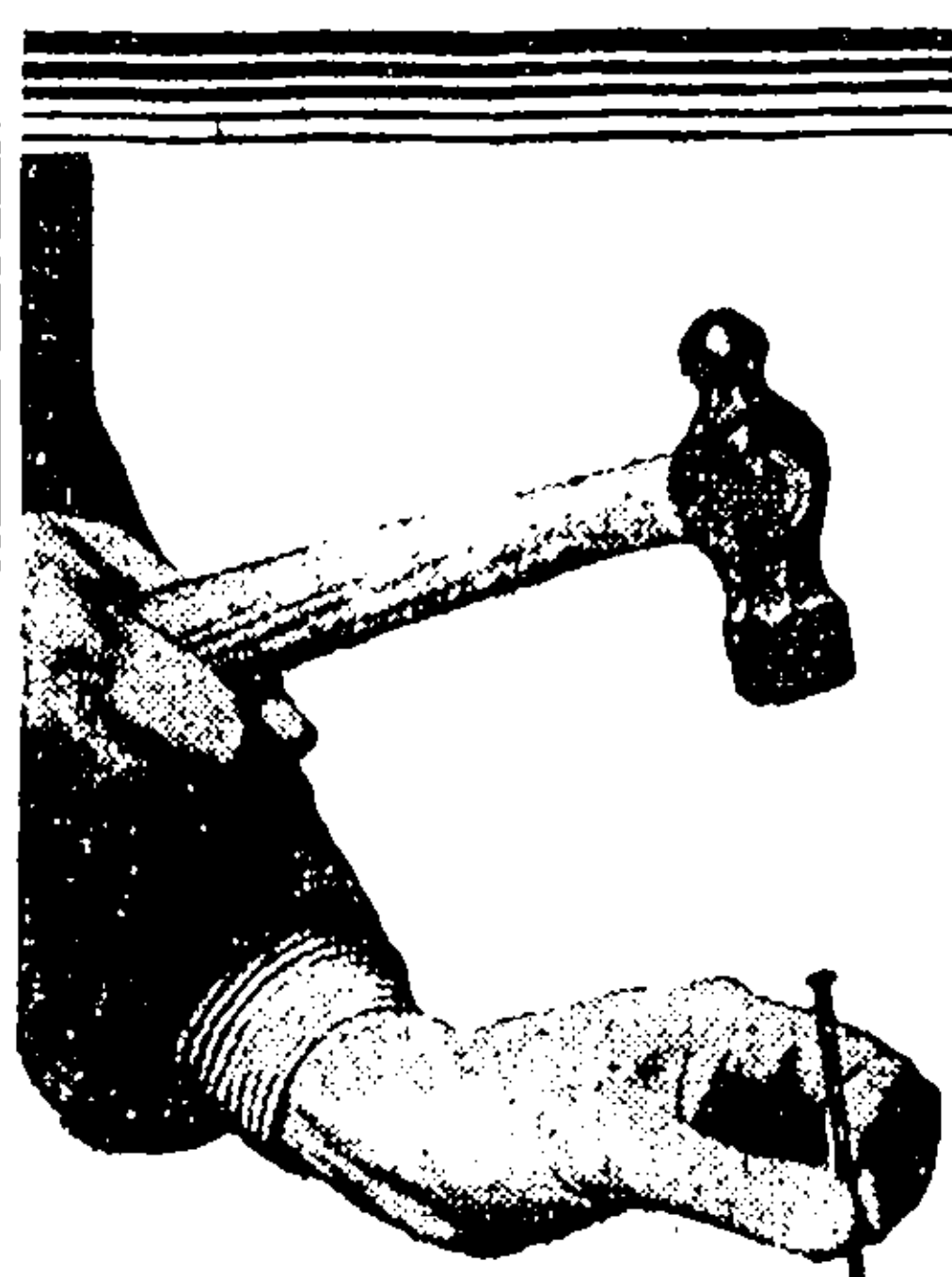
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BABY NO ONE WANTED

The story of Elizabeth starts dramatically enough for a novel—and there may be a happy ending, too.

Mrs. Mabel Lethbridge, of Oakley Street, Chelsea, answered a ring at her door and a young woman on the verge of hysterics thrust a six-week-old Elizabeth into her arms.

The sobbing mother told Mrs. Lethbridge that soon after Elizabeth had been born a bomb wrecked her lodgings. She had spent her nights in public shelters, her days wandering the streets. She had no ration card for the child, no money to buy food. She had no idea what to do and had been on her way to the river.

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CORRECT TECHNIQUE

By The Four Aces

South's method of playing for his three no-trump contract was a demonstration of correct technique:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K 9 2	♥ K 6	♦ J 6 2	♣ K Q 9 5 2
♠ Q 10 6 3	♥ Q 10 9 7	♦ 3	♣ 6
♠ 3	♥ 7	♦ A J 7 4	♣ J 8 4 2
♠ Q 7 3	♥ 6	♦ 5 4	♣ A 10 8 4
♠ A 8 5	♥ A 5	♦ A K 10 9 8	♣ J 7 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass

West opened the ten of hearts, and South thought carefully before winning the trick. He had four sure tricks in the majors, and a successful diamond finesse would bring in five more. But if the diamond finesse lost, a heart return would knock out his last stopper, and an attempt to set up the ninth

trick in clubs would allow the opponents to take the club Ace and cash three heart tricks at once.

There was less danger in attacking the clubs instead of the diamonds. For then he needed only a 3-2 break in clubs to establish four tricks in the suit, with six top cards in the other suits. There was, of course, danger of a 4-1 split in clubs but South decided to take care of that in another way.

He therefore won the first trick with dummy's King of hearts and returned a low club. East naturally played low, and South won with the club Jack. But now there was no longer any risk in switching to diamonds and there was considerable risk of a bad club break if he stuck to clubs. So South cashed the diamond Ace and returned to dummy with the spade King to lead the Jack of diamonds for a finesse. West took the diamond Queen and led another heart, but South was able to take nine tricks before giving up the lead again.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 7	♥ Q 8 5	♦ K 10 8 6	♣ K 10 8 7
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The bidding:

Maier	Schenkel	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. You have supporting cards in your partner's suits, and good stoppers in the unbid suits. If your partner has more than a minimum opening bid, there should be a good play for game.

Score 100% for two no-trump, 40% for three hearts, 30% for pass.

Question No. 614

To-day you are Howard Schenkel's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 10 8 4	♥ A J 9 5	♦ Q 9	♣ Q 6
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The bidding:

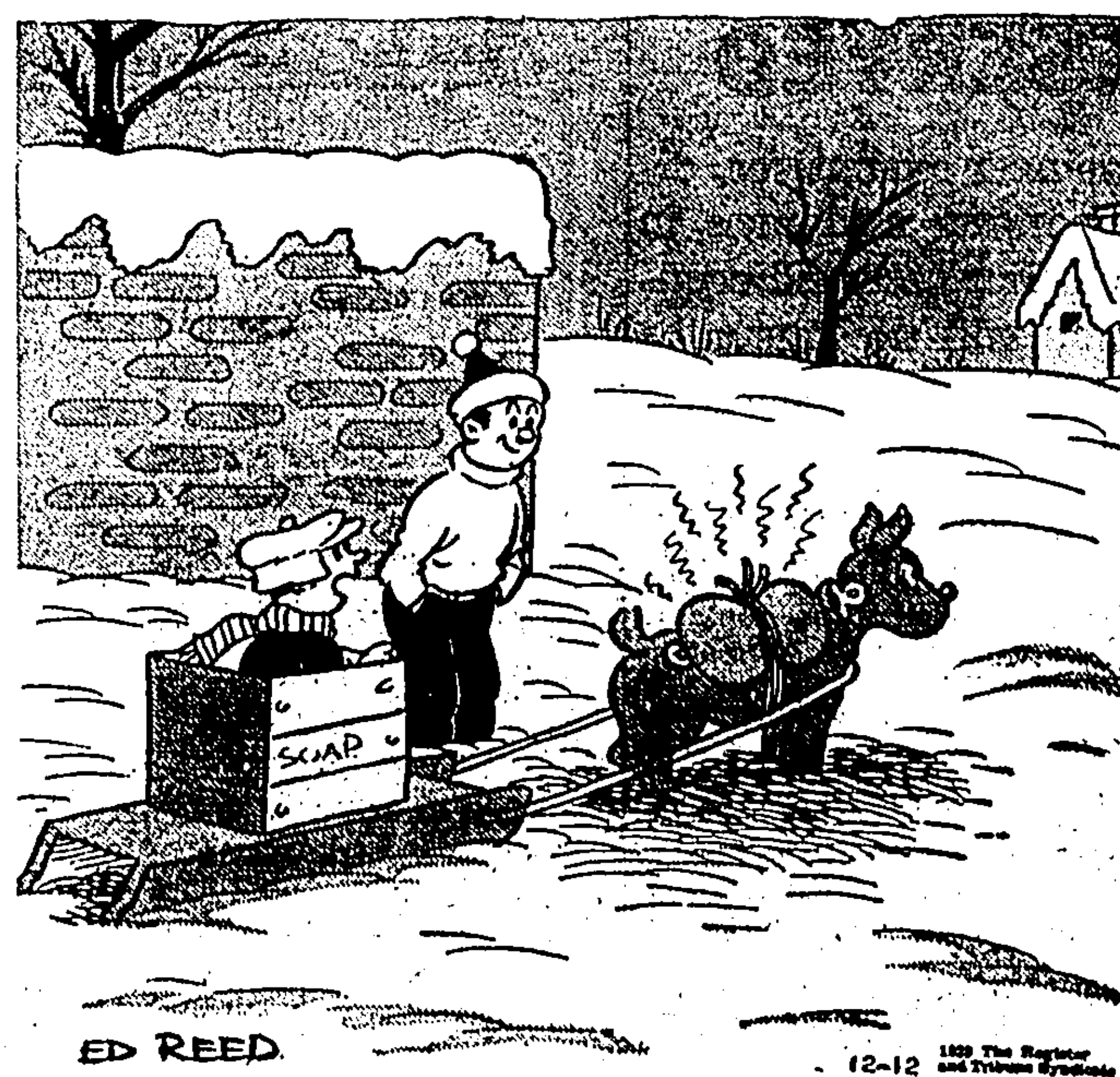
You	Maier	Schenkel	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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As you know, there has been no drastic change in line since last season, except that everything is simpler and there is no exaggeration of any kind.

Full skirts, for instance, are not so full, and straight, narrow skirts are not so narrow, but all skirts are very short. Bodices have high necklines and smart detail.

Illustration shows one or two clever finishing touches I saw at the dress collections shown for both the States and the British Isles.



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The collar and muff could also be made of fabric fur. In a good fabric astrakhan to go with black they would be very smart.

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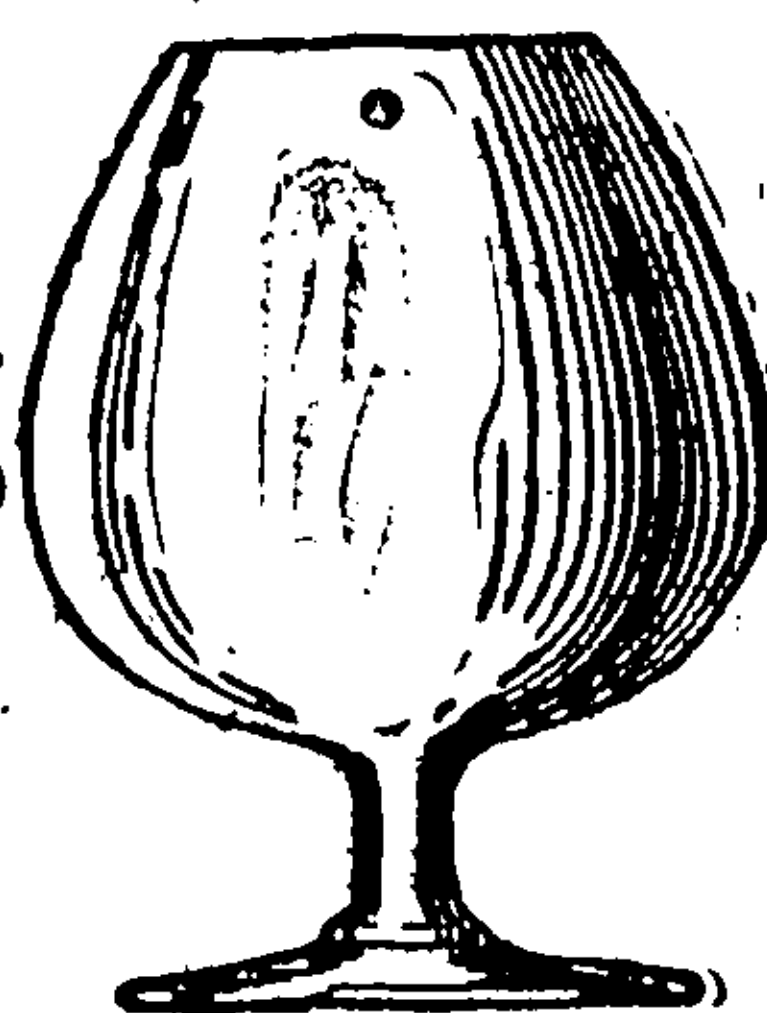
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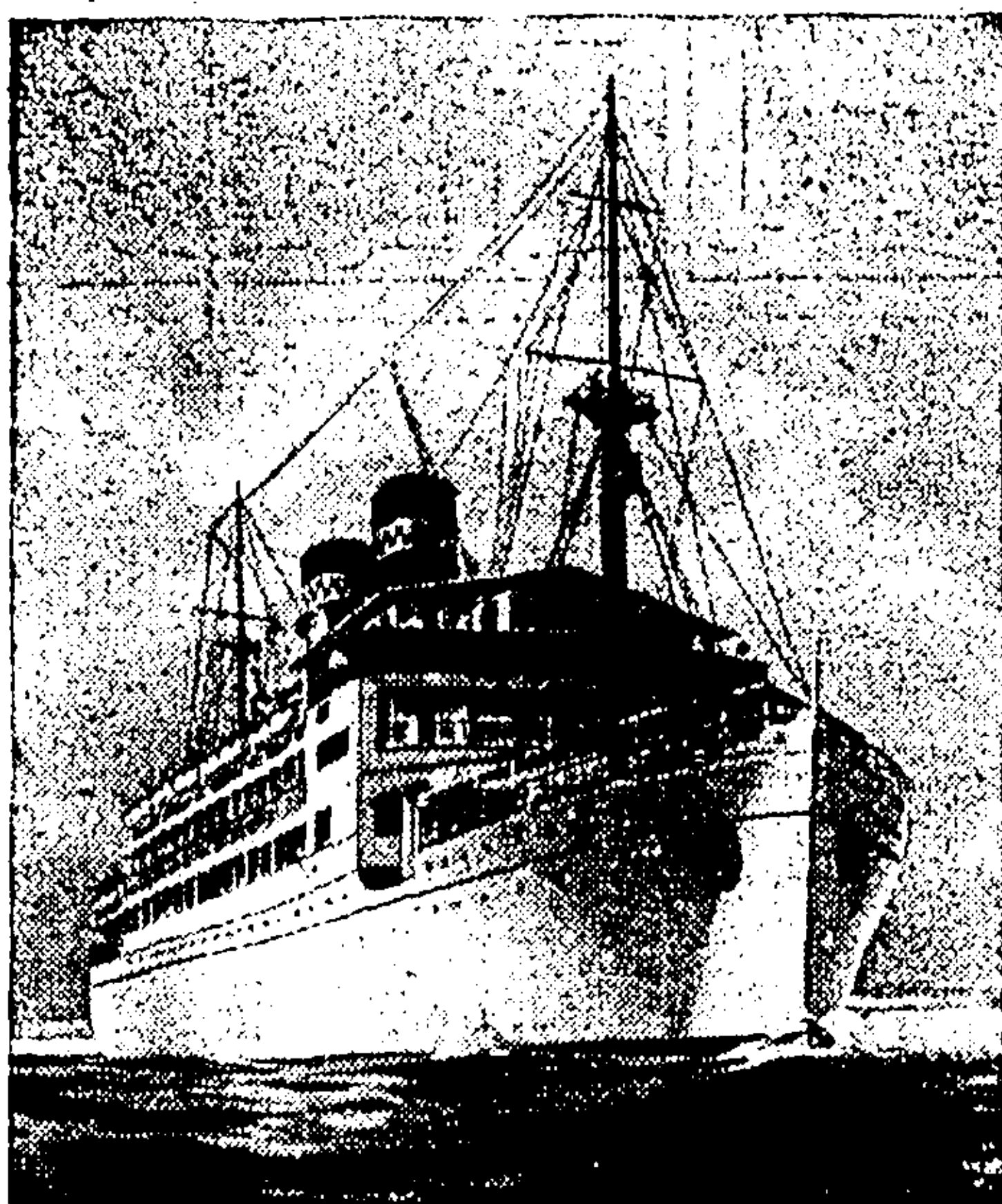
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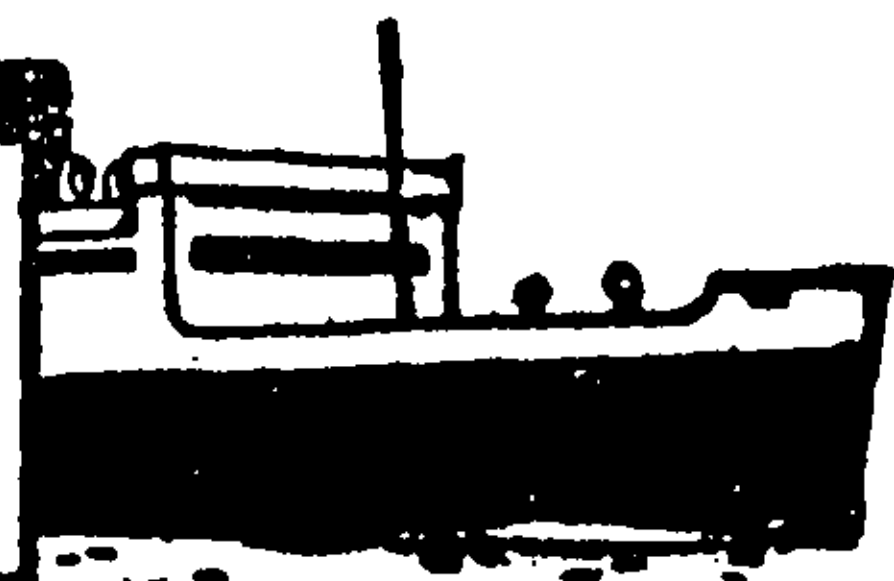
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1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Max Miller in the Theatre Again.

2.05 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.32 p.m.—The Comedy Harmonists.

6.45 p.m.—Moskowsky—'From Foreign Lands' Suite. State Opera Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour. The Rt. Hon. A. Duff Cooper on 'France'.

7.30 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Edward German.

8.23 p.m.—Two English Songs by Malcolm McEachern (Bass).

8.30 p.m.—Studio—"British Dramatists" No. 8: Shaw. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Haydn—Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra.

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9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talks: 'Democracy—Marches'.

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OLD ETONIAN'S MEMORIES

Memories of bygone Eton were recalled by Sir Francis Hyett, one of the oldest living Etonians, when I called on him at his house at Painswick, overlooking one of the loveliest valleys in the Cotswolds. Next month he will be 96.

In the world that he talked about the most remarkable events were the Great Exhibition of 1851, which he saw as a boy of seven, and the great frost that set him skating for miles around Eton till he lost his way.

He was first at Hale's house and then at the eccentric "Judy" Durnford's. It was a period of transition. The dark old days had gone when the 70 scholars of Eton huddled together in great beds in Long Chamber, a room 172 feet long, 27 feet wide and 15 feet 6 inches high, without glass to keep the snow from falling on the beds or enough basins to wash in.

Lock in at 8 p.m.

Even when 18 boys were transferred to new rooms however, "Carver's Chamber" was described as "beastly" and Lower Chamber as "the nethermost hell." Boys were given a bundle of clothing wrapped in a horse rug, locked in at 8 p.m., and released at 7 a.m. By the time Sir Francis arrived Keate, with his perpetual "I'll flog you," had gone, to be succeeded as headmaster by Hawtrey and then Goodford.

Poor Food

Food in Sir Francis's day was still poor, but conditions otherwise were much better. There was less of the bullying which brought such an eloquent protest from Dr. Hawtrey, which Shelley, "a stripling pale and lustre-eyed," had brought on himself by his refusal to fag, and which inspired the Earl of Chatham to declare that "he scarce observed an Eton boy who was not cowed for life."

It is pleasant to end with cricket. Sir Francis was at Eton with five Lyttons, including the great Alfred, and five Lubbocks. One of his proudest memories is of hitting Dr. E. M. Grace for six, which was something "the Coroner" often experienced but never relished.

BARROW WHICH COST 11 LIVES

The inquest was opened at Wembley on the 11 victims of the accident to a Liverpool-Euston express, which was derailed after colliding with a luggage barrow which had fallen on the line. A verdict of accidental death was recorded in each case.

It was explained that a loaded barrow was being pulled up a ramp on to another platform, when it ran back on to the line.

A temporary porter said that he was holding the handle of the barrow and two other employees were pushing it. They were about three feet from the top of the ramp, when they found the weight too much and they could not "hold it in." He had thought it was a bit too heavy, although he did not say so.

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PANTHERS BEAT CHUNG HWA

By "Grandstand"

DESPITE THE inclement weather which caused the majority of the games scheduled to be postponed on Sunday, one Junior and two Ladies' League games were played off on time, a handful of stalwart supporters braving the elements.

In the curtain-raiser on the Kowloon Football Club ground, the Canadian Chinese handed out a 14-1 shellacking to the Cardinals, who were limited to only two measly blows off Canuckette hurler Mary Ng, whilst the Maple Leafs collected 11 safeties off Redbird hurlers Zimmern and Babida in a six-inning fray.

The Canuckettes opened the scoring by chalking up two counters on a pair of miscues, a sacrifice and a single. Opening the batting for the Cards, first-sacker Betty Clarke drew a pass. With orders to bunt, Gilly Motta fouled the first pitch, and was only able to pop one weakly to hurler Mary Ng, which was handled in the air. Betty Clarke, who had in the meantime hot-footed it for second, came tearing back to first on the catch, but was given a life by Rene Yuen, who fumbled the throw. Gladys "Grandma" Hutchinson was next given free transportation to first. Marie Roza in the clean-up spot, grounded out weakly, but Betty carried the mail across for the Redbirds' lone marker. "Grandma" died on the sacks!

Five-Run Attack

In the next frame, the Canuckettes unleashed a five-run attack, headed by Jay Wong's four-bagger with none aboard, assisted by four Cardinal bobbles.

In the Redbirds' turn with the hickory, they raised their fans' hopes briefly, when Zimmern walked and Natty Falladonia singled with two away, but the former was run down between third and home on Clarke's trickle to second-sacker Ulian Khoo.

In the third, the Maple Leafs were only able to garner one more tally, but the Cards were shut out in their home hall.

After being clipped for five successive safeties, which included two circuit clouts and a triple, for the Canuckettes to notch up another four counters to clinch the game, hurler Adi Zimmern was derrickd in favour of Babida, who tossed for the remaining two innings. In the fifth the Cardinals were retired in one, two, three order, and, although trailing 14-1, refused to have the game called.

Umpire Mike Mendonca allowed the game to continue for one more inning, in which neither side scored.

Canuckette hurler Mary Ng, walked four and fanned three, whilst Redbird twirler Adi Zim-

mern, walked one and fanned rookie Mary Chiu in her first pitching assignment.

Regular chucker, Efigina Babida, although on the sick-list, turned out on the park, and passed two, in pitching the last two stanzas.

Short-stop Alice Mar connected safely three in four times up, including a triple, whilst Jay Wong, Rene Yuen and Ulian Khoo banged in four-masters.

Panthers' Triumph

In the other tussle, the Baby Panthers triumphed over the Chung Hwa lassies 14-5, and, although the latter outthit the Panthers by 3-2, nine costly bingles, together with hindsnatcher Cheung's eight passed balls, proved disastrous for them. After a long absence, May Chung was seen again in the short-stop gap for the Chung Hwa, but booted two of the five fielding chances that came her way. However, she made up by rapping out two safeties in her three times at the platter.

Lelia Xavier, on the mound for the Panthers, fanned six Chung Hwa femmes and walked none, whilst slabstress Law for Chung Hwa, accounted for three Panthers via the strike-out route, passed no less than six, and was guilty of two wild pitches.

In the Junior League, the Cosmopolitans created an upset by emerging victors in a 12-7 verdict over South China, who were considered favourites. A third-inning splurge of six runs, paved the way for a Cosmo triumph, which was at no time endangered. South China fielded eight men only.

Turning out in full, both the League-leading Chung Hwas and the V.R.C. were ready to take on each other, but afterwards decided to postpone the game on discovering the difficulty of handling the ball on a wet ground. Remaining games were also postponed.

TO-DAY'S RUGBY

The following will represent Artillery again Club "A" in a Rugby match to-day on the Club ground at 4.45 p.m.—Lieut. Lomax; Marsh; Lieut. T. A. Pearce; Cart; Skipwith; Richards; Capt. Hook; Lieut. Wedderburn; Lieut. Smith; Lieut. Deldersfield; Evans; Cooke; McDermott; Turner; Lieut. Banner; Hicks. Reserve, Gnr. Keeble.

Both Army Large Unit matches scheduled for yesterday were postponed.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following is the programme of Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament matches for Sunday:

11 a.m.	A. N. Other XI	v	5th. A. A. "A"
2 p.m.	M. T. B's	v	Police "A"
	Destroyers	v	Reefers
	Gunboats	v	Nomads
4 p.m.	Police "B"	v	C. B. A.
	5th. A. A. "B"	v	Engineers
	Kumsons	v	Khalsa



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	W.	L.	Pct.
Hong Kong Baseballers	7	2	.778
St. Joseph's	6	3	.667
Indians	6	4	.600
Cyclones	4	3	.571
Recrelo Aces	4	4	.500
Chinese Baseballers	3	4	.429
Filipinos	1	7	.125
Canadian Chinese	0	9	.000

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chung Hwa	7	0	1.000
V.R.C.	5	1	.833
R.A.F.	5	2	.714
Cosmos	5	3	.625
Recrelo Bods	5	3	.625
Liga Portuguesa	3	3	.500
South China	3	3	.500
Royal Scots	4	4	.500
Bth R.A.	2	6	.250
C.B.A.	1	7	.125
Royal Engineers	0	8	.000

LADIES' LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Canadian Chinese	9	0	1.000
Wildcats	7	1	.875
Wahos	6	2	.750
Panthers	6	4	.600
Cardinals	4	6	.400
Ramblerettes	3	7	.300
Little Flowers	1	8	.111
Chung Hwa	0	10	.000

INTER-HONG LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
Hong Kong Bankers	3	0	1.000
Shell Oilers	3	1	.750
Lacas	2	1	.667
Texas	2	1	.667
Chartered Bankers	1	1	.500
Greenspots	0	3	.000
Cables	0	4	.000

CORRESPONDENCE

Sir,—I have read with interest the challenge of "Iron" Bux Jnr. against my brother "Sal." Aromin. Being also a boxer, and Sparring Partner of my brother, I am very desirous of meeting "Iron" Bux Jnr.

I weigh 118 lb. stripped. This is a good chance for "Iron" Bux Jnr. to prove his worth. I am afraid that Bux is under-estimating my brother's fighting abilities; anyway if Bux can lick me, he surely can par himself with my brother, and to under-estimate me will be another mistake Bux will be making.

My brother "Sal," has asked me to state that he is only too willing to oblige "Iron" Bux Jnr., and that his manager has not the slightest objection whatsoever, provided Bux could get someone to promote the fight.

I have been tipped by my brother that the fight between him and Len Collins might take place some time this month, and that arrangements are under way. Therefore it will be to the interests of Len Collins and "Iron" Bux Jnr. to call on Mr. Stanley at his Gymnasium, No. 3, Ningpo Street, Top Floor, Kowloon.

A. Aromin

THE SPOTLIGHT ON SPORT

ALTHOUGH coffee-coloured Tommy Martin is winning all his American fights in a line since his points beating by Bob Nestel when making his debut across the Atlantic, it seems that just a good scrapper isn't enough to draw the cash customers, writes "Commentator" in the "North China Daily News."

They have to make quiet-spoken Tommy Martin into an English Dude. Now this column doesn't quite know what an English dude would look like, but Martin's American handlers aren't so backward.

Offered on the high altar of publicity, the Deptford scrapper has been posing for the cameramen in full evening kit, plus shiny topper—and monocle!

Maybe this will do Martin much good financially (and financially in the States. I am not so sure of Deptford reactions, especially among the fighter's old cullies in the local stretcher party.

However, publicity apart, Tommy is getting among the important American money. His latest victory was gained in Hollywood over Buddy Knox, a big 'un out of Daytona with an unbeaten record these last three years.

Who's next? It would be no surprise if Tommy were sent in against Billy Conn, the World's cruiserweight champion (American version), though my view is that he is not ready for such a stiff test as yet.

The Growd Boood . . . As Usual

Cables from the States show that Martin had a tough job. Knox opened with a two-handed attack and took the opening round, but the English battler came back to win the next three in a row.

Losing the fifth heat, Martin was out again to stagger the American with some grandly timed upper-cuts. The scrap was his till the closing round, when Knox broke loose with punches that came from angles that Tommy never knew about before.

Seems that he was getting that far-away look in his eyes and hearing the birdies sing. Anyhow, he was reeling on the ropes with Knox too wild to put over a knock-out punch.

Having scored six rounds for Martin and three for Knox, with one even, the referee rightly gave the Deptford boy the decision. Of course, the crowd didn't agree. . . . they never do.

No different from the customers in Shanghai, the fans remembered Knox's grandstand finish and forgot Martin's clear-cut work early on. Tommy should worry!

Shy Man With A Background

Here's news of another member of the thick ear fraternity, none other than our old pal, Jack Hyams, well beloved among British fight fans. Although in his thirteenth year of the battling business Jack is matched against (Eynic Woodman) the Battersea boy, for the right to meet Eddie Maguire for the Southern Area cruiserweight title.

Slipping back the years I remember crinkly-haired Hyams fighting on the hills at Premierland and the old N.S.C.—Now that doesn't make him so ancient as age is counted in boxing's breathless rush. It merely shows that he started very young.

A slip of a boy in those days, Hyams slugged it under the name of "Young Froggie." He came out at Premierland to win an 8th novices competition—his previous experience, being to back-alley nose-busting among the young 'uns at Myrtle Street school down Aldgate way—and he kept in the game.

I saw Hyams around London as a taxi-driver, and you would never have put him down as a man with a background of a couple of hundred fights. He was shy and thoughtful. . . . but a good talker once you got him going.

Nice News From A Neutral

News from a neutral. And what nice, peaceful news it is. Just listen.

Sweden is booming athletically. So their International Press Bureau comes along with this: "A new event temporarily introduced in our civilian athletics is hand-grenade throwing. Instruction courses and competitions have been arranged by student organisations and sports clubs. Length and precision records are being registered."

That's their story; the italics are

GARRISON BILLIARDS

Following matches in the Garrison Billiards League were played on Friday:

R.A.S.C. 5 PTS.	C.M.P. 2 PTS.
S.Q.M.S. Wood 150	L/C. Thomson (23) 113
Sgt. Murphy 150	L/C. Clift 144
Sgt. Harden 128	L/C. Teggarty (22) 150
L/C. Middleton (21) 150	Capt. Hyde 97
Sgt. Hamlin 80	L/C. Willis 150
Pte. Haigh (47) (22) 150	Sgt. Whitton (21) 88
R. SIGNALS NIL	2/R. SCOTS 7 PTS.
Sgt. Pearson 88	Sgt. Whip (40) 1 150
Sgt. Brakenbury (21) 78	Sgt. Clark (28) (24) 150
Sgt. Allen 100	Cpl. Octon 150
Cpl. Watten 125	L/C. Jenkins 150
Sgt. Pitcher 110	Pte. Walters 150
Sgt. Lilley 111	Pte. Gordon 150

League Positions

R.A.M.C.	P. W. L. D. Pts.
2/Royal Scots	18 18 0 0 106
R.A.S.C.	16 14 2 0 87
R.A.S.C.	17 13 4 0 78
C.M. Police	16 8 8 0 59
R.E.	17 5 12 0 51
Royal Signals	16 5 11 0 42
5th A.A. Regt., R.A.	16 10 10 0 38
R.A.P.C.	15 12 0 0 33
R.A.C.C.	16 4 12 0 23
12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	11 3 8 0 26

VOLUNTEERS WIN SOLDIERS CLUB TOURNAMENT

The final of the Soldiers' Club billiards tournament last night resulted in Volunteers defeating Signals 1,600 to 798.

Allen, 133, Pitcher 136, Langley 46, Brakenbury 72, Hutchinson 130, Lilley 107, Pearson 64, Blount 110. Total 798.

Rakusen 200, J. C. Remedios 200, Hickman 200, Silva 200, J. D. Remedios 200, Sequeira 200, Pereira 200, Baptista 200. Total 1,600.

The best break was 55 by Hickman. Pereira scored 27, 26, 20 and 36 and Baptista had three breaks over 20.

Y.M.C.A. BEAT CUSTOMS

At the European Y.M.C.A. last night, the home team beat Chinese Maritime Customs 850 to 528. Chiu Sze-po won the only game for the Chinese Customs team, beating de Casier 150 to 100.

The Y.M.C.A. team comprised Jones, Eager, Sykes, Champelovier, Ingleby and de Casier. The Customs team was Kemp, Cheuk Si-nan, Ogden, Tang Mui-ying, Witmore and Chiu Sze-po.

C.S.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent Civil Service Cricket Club against Police in a Junior League cricket match on Civil Service ground on Saturday.—H. E. Strange (Captain), H. F. Harper, F. E. Lawrence, J. Barrow, A. Watson, G. Ainslie, G. Stone, J. Mitchell, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, and N. L. Smith.

mine. What a world we live in. . . Sport, where is thy sting?

\$35 A Stroke At Golf

Golf costs money for most people. It's different for Ben Hogan, the American professional who was an automatic selection for the U.S. Ryder Cup team; had we been able to send a side over this year. Hogan's golf this season has brought him just on \$35 (Mex) a stroke. The cash has come from sixty-nine money tournaments thus far this year.

In all, Hogan has played 4,872 strokes with an average of 70.8 a round. My arithmetic may be faulty, but I make it that he has had \$150,340 in prize money. Nice going, Ben. Wish I could do as much!

Splendid Support For Recreio Intra-Club Badminton League

Seven Teams Of Eight Players Each Entered To Be Completed In A Month

By "Adrem"

IN ORDER TO CATER FOR THOSE PLAYERS — NOTABLY A LARGE NUMBER OF LADIES — WHO ARE ABLE TO GET LITTLE COMPETITIVE BADMINTON, AN INTRA-CLUB COMPETITION IS NOW BEING RUN AT CLUB DE RECREIO.

ST. JOHN'S AND K.C.C. SHOULD WIN

By "Adrem"

There are two matches on this evening's Junior League badminton programme that should be fairly interesting.

At Kowloon Tong, the home team meet St. John's in what should be quite a close game. At full strength Kowloon Tong might have put up a decent showing but they will be without Frank Kwok, who is laid up with an injured arm, and this may well mean the difference between success and failure.

I have been told that Ko Fook sing, who has done so well in partnership with Richard Lee hitherto, will be turning out, while N. A. E. Mackay, who in combination with Peter Fletcher was the most successful player for Kowloon Tong last season, will be making his first appearance this year.

St. John's should win but I don't think there will be much in it.

St. Andrew's may well carry Kowloon Cricket Club the whole distance as Fincher and Kew are capable of winning three games on their own court, but I think K.C.C. should just manage to retain their unbeaten record.

Other games should result in wins for Chung Wah and Recreio.

Programme And Some Teams

Following is to-day's "B" Division Badminton League programme and some teams:—

J.R.C. v. Chung Wah
Recreio v. V.R.C.
Kowloon Tong v. St. John's
St. Andrew's v. K.C.C.

St. John's:—E. Kennard and D. Kwok; R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd; N. L. Smith and E. Wilson.

J.R.C.:—S. Ramler and L. Landau; A. Poliak and M. Talan; B. Godkin and A. Odell.

Kowloon Tong:—Peter Lo and Joe Tsang; R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko; John Chen and N. A. E. Mackay.

Recreio:—P. A. Yvanovich Jnr. and P. P. Botelho; A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha; C. C. Pereira and A. N. Other.

LOUIS TO FIGHT CONN IN JUNE

Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion, recently signed a contract to defend his crown in June against Billy Conn, up-and-coming challenger.—United Press.

Indicating the keenness at this club, no fewer than seven teams of eight players per team have entered and, with matches being played twice a week, it is hoped that the competition will be completed by the end of the month—first batch of matches was played over last week-end.

Unlike League badminton, in which each pair is required to play every other pair in the opposing team, the Recreio League is organised on the same basis as the Shanghai Tennis League, that is, the combinations in each team are graded according to ability and the corresponding pairs in each team play each other over one game of 15 points.

Method of "seeding" has been simple. The men and women are individually graded and the strongest man has been partnered with the weakest lady and so on.

Following are the teams:—

"A" Team—M. A. Oliveira and Elsa Ribeiro; A. E. Xavier and Marian Silva; J. M. Oliveira and Violet Remedios; A. V. Alvares and Mercia Alves.

"B" Team—J. J. Remedios and Myra Noronha; W. M. Lawrence and Stella Xavier; A. A. Noronha and Alice Remedios; A. F. Noronha and Irene Lopes.

"C" Team—H. F. Gonsalves and Nena Ribeiro; E. A. R. Alves and Aida N. da Silva; P. M. N. da Silva and Marie Figueiredo; G. A. Noronha and Zaida Barros.

"D" Team—L. A. Carvalho and Sarin Remedios; P. P. Botelho and May Carneiro; A. J. Basto and

CHINESE NEW YEAR SOCCER

Following are the football fixtures during the Chinese New Year Holidays:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22
Kotewall Cup Competition
Army v. Navy

(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

First Division
South China v. Police

(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)
Kowloon v. St. Joseph's

(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
Club v. Royal Scots

(Club, 4 p.m.)
Second Division

Service Corps v. Middlesex

(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
Kit Chee v. Royal Scots

(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Kowloon v. Ordinance

(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Engineers v. South China

(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
Sing Tao v. Navy

(St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.)
Club v. Police

(Club, 2.30 p.m.)
Third Division

International v. 35th R.A.

(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
Engineers v. A.S.A.

(Military, 2.30 p.m.)
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Lai Wah Cup Semi-Final
Navy v. Civilian

(Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.)
MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Lai Wah Cup Semi-Final
Chinese v. Army

(Navy ground, 3.30 p.m.)
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Kotewall Cup
Navy v. Chinese

(Sookunpoo, 3.30 p.m.)

Hilda Noronha; A. Carneiro and E. M. Alarcon.

"E" Team—A. M. Rodrigues and Marie Ribeiro; A. E. Noronha and Anna Noronha; B. Gosano and Cissy Noronha; L. G. Gosano and Alice Roza.

"F" Team—C. C. Pereira and Olga Silva; H. A. Noronha and Regina Noronha; J. E. Noronha and Bar. Remedios; A. M. Remedios and Bertha Castro.

"G" Team—H. A. Barros and Mylthie Silva; P. Yvanovich and Cita Souza; M. M. de V. Soares and Edith Rocha; C. A. Gaan and J. A. Remedios.

AIR-RAID WARNING AT NEWMARKET

INDICATING THE CALMNESS with which air-raids are received in England, a letter received here recently from Home tells of an attack which disturbed a race-meeting at Newmarket, writes a correspondent in the "North China Daily News."

Apparently it was with great difficulty that the turf-lovers were persuaded to take shelter at all, and finally only returned home because the weather was bad.

The writer of the letter seems to be little concerned with the raiders, and this high morale and courage is of the calibre which will finally defeat Germany.

"The first day's racing went off without incident," as they say. It was cold and stormy and I spent the afternoon gardening so as to be handy in case the ambulance was called out. There were lots of 'planes about overhead in the clouds, but of course they were ours.

Miserable Weather

"The second day was most miserable weather, floods of driving rain. Everything came unstuck. Pont Eveque and Chateau Larose, both well fancied, were both beaten. Then we had an air-raid warning 'red.' The first sign of trouble was guns or bombs in the distance and the usual murmuring in the sky which is indicative of trouble coming.

"Meanwhile an objection was being lodged on Star Dust in favour of Hippus—sundry bel's and whistles seemed to be sounding but people said 'Oh! it's nothing, just to do with the objection!' However, the whistles became more insistent and a big fat policeman appeared blowing heavily. Then three Spitfires circled overhead. The race-goers took little or no notice, in fact no one seemed to know the right procedure for an air raid in the middle of racing.

Short Blasts On Whistle

"The policeman by now had got on to the lawn and stood blowing short blasts on his whistle, looking as if he would like to have ordered someone to do something,

but contented himself with his whistle (short blasts are the air-raid warning 'red'). Then a voice said 'Take cover' as a sort of general instruction. A certain amount of people came off the public stand, I suppose one might say, obediently.

"The bookies seemed to think umbrellas were sufficient cover and started shouting the odds for the coming race. People spread into little groups on the lawn, a certain number went under the stands and a considerable number solved the question by going to the bar. It then became obvious that racing was going to be held up during a raid, and the horses were hidden away.

"All Clear" Sounds

"In view of the horrible weather it looked as if the next best procedure would be to go home. However, before that decision was reached the 'all clear' was sounded and racing was resumed. On the tower were spotters and I am told there were guns about. There was a very small attendance and very few cars; Lord Harewood, Lord Rosebery, the Duchess of Norfolk, the Countess of Durham, Mrs. Clayton and a sprinkling of the usual Newmarket crowd, and very few people in uniform. The public stand was fairly full and a fair number of horses. It was not a pleasant day but it was a good day because it established the fact that we continued racing and got along with things."

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GUNS POUNDING AWAY

Italians Now Admit Gravity Of Libyan Outlook

Need For More Doctors

Because of the increasing demands on the services of doctors, certain overseas doctors can be included temporarily in the Medical Register, it was announced yesterday.

The main object of this is to enable civil hospitals to employ Dominion and foreign doctors.

These eligible fall into two classes:—

Those qualified to practice in Canada or the United States who are British nationals or citizens of the United States; and

Those qualified to practice in any part of the British Empire or the countries of our European allies or in Germany or Italy. — *Reuter.*

SOUTH AFRICAN NAVAL ASSISTANCE

FOR THE FIRST TIME SOUTH AFRICAN WARSHIPS ARE CO-OPERATING WITH THE ROYAL NAVY OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICAN WATERS.

It is officially announced that a flotilla of mine-sweepers left some weeks ago to join the mine-sweepers of the Royal Navy. — *Reuter.*

All Lines Of Communication Now Cut

WHILE THERE WAS little fresh news from Cairo yesterday there are growing signs that the Italians are beginning to see that their position in Libya and East Africa is getting worse all the time.

The Cairo communique said that in Libya there was "nothing fresh to report" and in the Sudan, "in the neighbourhood of Kassala, patrol activity is continuing," while on other fronts there is "nothing to report."

The fact that there is nothing fresh to report from Libya may be taken to mean that British guns are still pounding away while the Imperial Army musters for the final assault on Tobruk.

Broadcasting to the Italian Empire, Rome Radio yesterday said:—

"The Empire is virtually cut off from the mother country."

Italian East Africa, in particular, is practically completely cut off. Its only communication is by air, but the R.A.F. is now so completely master of the air in Africa that it is highly unlikely that the odd Italian plane or two which have been keeping up communications between Libya and Eritrea by night will now venture on the dangerous journey.

Writing from the Italian frontier, a special correspondent of the newspaper "Le Temps" says:—

"For Italy, the battle for North Africa is no longer for Imperial aims but a fight to preserve a part of Italy's national territory." — *Reuter.*

LEND AND LEASE PROGRESS

Mr. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, stated in Washington yesterday that he is willing to accept "any restrictions whatever" on the Lend-and-Lease Bill provided that they did not interfere with the general purpose of the Bill.

Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, before which the Bill is coming to-day, said he proposed to offer one or two amendments.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, will be the first witness at to-day's hearings. He will be followed by Mr. Henry Morgenthau (Secretary of Treasury) and Mr. Henry L. Stimson (Secretary of War), and to-morrow Col. Frank Knox (Secretary of Navy) and Mr. William Knudsen (Director-General of President Roosevelt's new Supreme Defence Directorate) will testify.

Replying to questions Mr. Bloom said he was not going to call the ex-Ambassadors Mr. William Bullitt and Mr. Joseph Kennedy before the committee, but he would be very pleased if they requested to be heard.

Mr. Bloom added that a request that a representative of the "America First" Committee be heard had been granted.—*Reuter.*

ITALIAN BASE IN SICILY RAIDED

(Continued from Page 1)
at Asmara, Brantu and Agordat, in Italian East Africa, while at Maiadaca a further attack was made on Caproni workshops, where a large fire was caused among buildings.

Dive Attack

At Tessenei on Monday a dive attack was made on motor transport concentrations and fires started.

From the operations in East Africa all our aircraft returned safely. — *Reuter.*

NO DAYLIGHT RAID ON BRITAIN

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STOP PRESS

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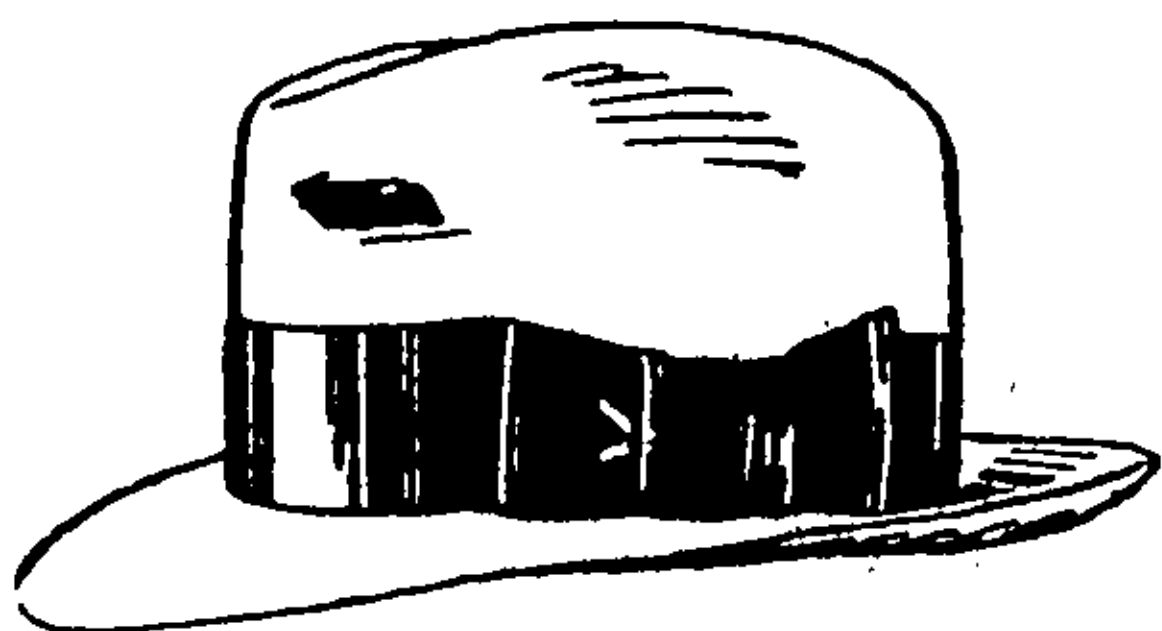


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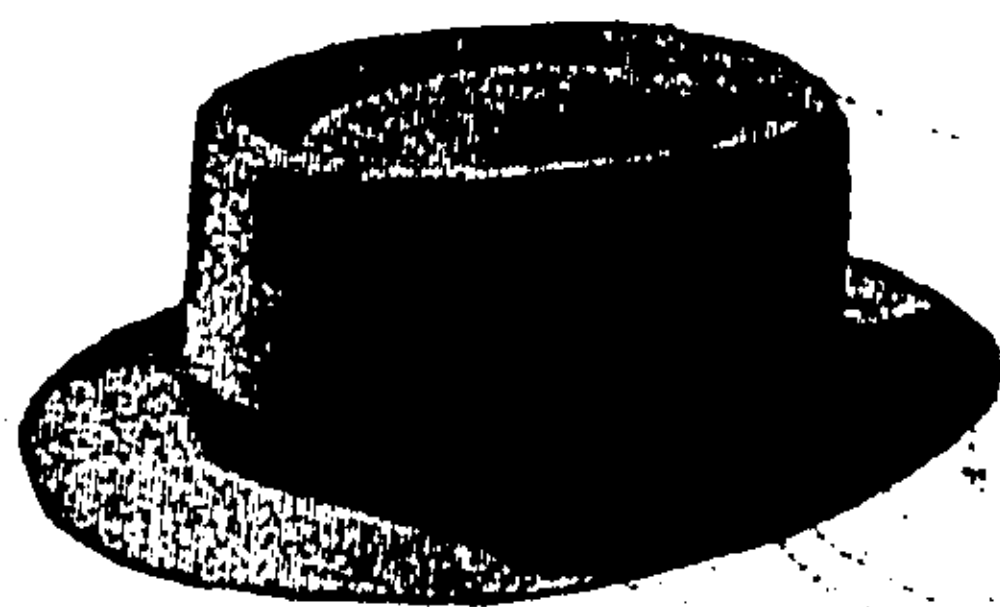


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Rumania Under The Yoke

Rumanian officials in Belgrade yesterday refused to confirm or deny a report that General Antonescu has been summoned to Berlin.

Horia Sima, Deputy Premier and head of the Iron Guard, has called meetings of his followers in all towns on January 19.

Speakers will address the meetings on "The struggle of Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy for the establishment of a new European order."

Meanwhile the Rumanian newspaper "Curentul" yesterday sounded a note of defiance over German plans to turn Rumania into a granary and oil reservoir at the expense of her industrial development.

The paper says the Legionary regime does not dream of giving up Rumanian industry but on the contrary it must be expanded.—Reuter.

PUPPET PASSPORTS INVALID IN H.K.

The Immigration Ordinance came into force to-day.

Passports issued by the Wang Ching Wei "Government" in Nanking will not be recognised by the Hong Kong Immigration authorities, stated Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer, to the "China Mail" this morning.

Only those Chinese passports issued by the Chinese National Government in Chungking, through authorised channels will be accorded recognition.

EVACUATES RETURN RUMOUR

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BROOKLYN WATERFRONT FIRE DISASTER

A fire yesterday swept the famous Brooklyn waterfront, threatening City buildings, warehouses and Municipal offices.

Five men are known to have been killed and many injured. Some are in hospital with critical burns.

Thirty parked cars were destroyed by flames which also damaged a fire engine.—Reuter.

JAPANESE WAR LORDS CONFER ON CRISIS

An unexpected and unusual step has been taken by the Japanese War Minister, General Tojo, in calling in a dozen retired generals for a round-table conference to be held to-day on what the Domei agency calls the "present national emergency."

Practically all the generals convoked are ex-War Ministers or ex-Premiers.

The conference will also be attended by the present Chief of the Army General Staff, the Minister of Justice, the Vice-Minister of War and the Chief of the Military Affairs Bureau.

The latter two, says the Domei agency, will explain present conditions and "affirm the army's determination to see the crisis through."—Reuter.

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WEATHER FORECAST: — N.E. winds, fresh; fine generally.

"Would Be A Help Now"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRITAIN IS LIKELY TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS SHORTLY FOR THE BUILDING OF BRITISH DESTROYERS IN AMERICAN SHIPYARDS.

This was revealed in an exclusive interview by International News with Mr. F. R. Hoyer Millar, First Secretary to the British Embassy, yesterday, who said: "You built some destroyers for us in the last war. That would be a help now."

Mr. Millar did not reveal whether his suggestion had yet been taken up officially with the American Government, nor did he say how many destroyers Britain would like to construct in American shipyards.

He said, however, that "the British merchant shipbuilding programme now under way in the United States is England's most vital immediate need."

"The most important thing, right now is to build merchantmen fast."

Mr. Millar appeared doubtful when asked whether the British Government would be prepared to take advantage of American shipyards for repair of damaged warships, if President Roosevelt's legislative programme for all but aid to Britain was adopted without change.

Long Trip

He pointed out that a long trip would be involved in such operations and that delays would be inevitable.

He also doubted whether the United States could have repair facilities ready in the near future at the British naval bases for which it traded fifty destroyers with the British Empire.

Virtually Settled

He predicted that the final leases on the naval bases would be concluded shortly and he displayed disappointment at published criticism from Britain in connection with the island bases. "There is no question," he said, "of compelling the American Government to take inferior locations for their bases. The geographical questions have been virtually settled and we have done everything possible to see that the United States' wishes are satisfied."

Mr. Millar also dismissed the recent flurry over reports that Britain would demand an import duty on American materials shipped to the leased bases as a question involving only technicalities.

The problem, he said, is still undetermined but "we do not intend to erect any tariff barrier round these bases." — International News Service.

MENZIES VISIT TO ENGLAND

Reuter learns in South African and Australian circles in London that the forthcoming visit by Mr. Menzies—the first Dominion Prime Minister to visit Britain since the war—does not in any way indicate that there will be an Imperial Conference with the Dominion Prime Ministers.

It is fully emphasised by Australian quarters that Mr. Menzies is particularly anxious to study for himself the progress of the war from "the very front-line" and that while he has talks with Mr. Churchill and other members of the British Government, these conversations will have relation only to matters principally affecting Australia's growing contribution to the general war effort.

South African circles point out that with Parliament opening soon in Capetown there is little likelihood of General Smuts or any other prominent member of the South African Cabinet visiting London in the near future.—Reuter.

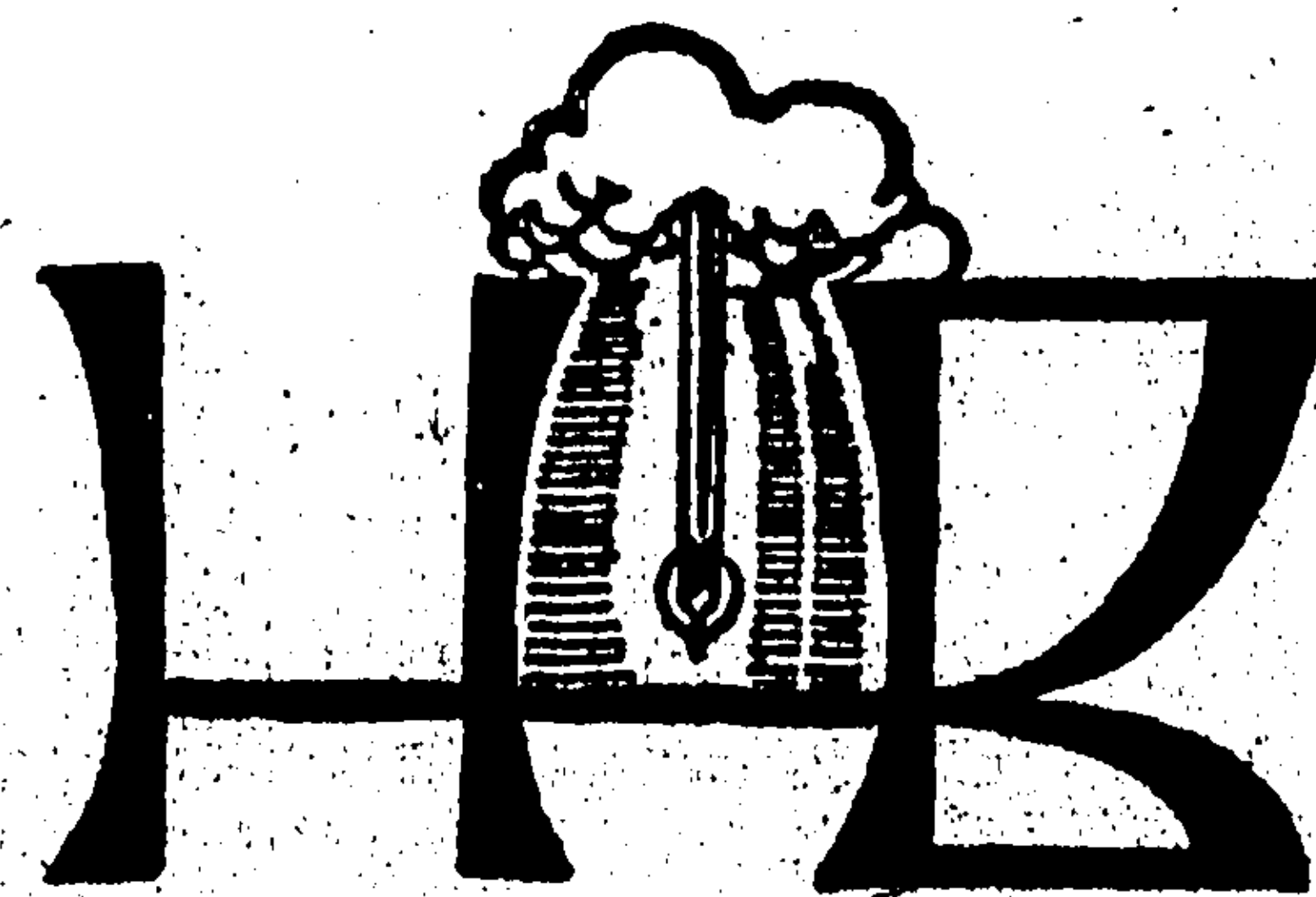
and says that there have been no grounds for any such approaches.—Reuter.

NO FOREIGN TROOPS IN BULGARIA

THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY STATES THAT IT IS AUTHORISED TO SAY THAT NO FOREIGN TROOPS HAVE BEEN ENTERING BULGARIA.

It also officially denies that the Government has made any approaches to foreign governments

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

Mercy Ship Of The Desert Takes Off Tobruk Wounded

IMPERIAL AND ITALIAN TROOPS IN SAME BOAT

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in the Western Desert Battle Area)

I HAVE JUST HAD AN OPPORTUNITY OF SPENDING A SHORT TIME ABOARD A HOSPITAL SHIP PRIOR TO ITS SAILING. IT WAS FILLED WITH ITALIAN PRISONERS FROM BARDIA AND AUSTRALIAN, BRITISH AND RHODESIAN TROOPS INVOLVED IN THE PRELIMINARY ACTION AROUND TOBRUK.

These weary wounded will shortly begin a journey to hospital. This little vessel is rapidly earning for itself the title of "mercy ship of the Western Desert."

It was built at Newcastle-on-Tyne; it is not particularly handsome and registers only 1,800 tons, but its draught enables it to enter the tiny harbours along the Egyptian and Libyan coasts.

ACTOR TOOK HER ALL

An actor sentenced at West London to twelve months' imprisonment was stated to have robbed a woman of her life savings of £700 in "a most deliberate and cold-blooded way" by pretending to be in love with her and posing as a producer of war propaganda films.

Donald Stewart, fifty-two, of Paulton Square, Chelsea, pleaded guilty to four charges of obtaining sums amounting to £560 by false pretences from Mrs. Ethel Beatrice Redshaw, formerly proprietress of a hotel in the Isle of Wight.

Deliberate Fraud

The magistrate (Sir Gervais Rentoul) said, "This is as bad a case as I have ever had before me. This was a deliberately planned fraud of a heartless and callous kind."

"You played on the feelings of this lady, pretending to be in love with her. You gained her affections to find an easy way to her pocket to rob her of all her money."

Mr. C. Melville, prosecuting, said that in less than three months, Stewart obtained over £700 from Mrs. Redshaw in a most deliberate and cold-blooded way.

He proposed to her, but she explained that she could not marry him as she was separated from her husband.

He told her that he was going to make a film called "Britain's Might," a propaganda picture.

"The story was absolutely untrue," said Mr. Melville.

"He also spoke of a film he had made called 'Take Cover,' on which he had lost money. He said that he required £125, and that if she would lend him the money he would pay her 25 per cent. interest."

"Believing his story," added Mr. Melville, "Mrs. Redshaw gave him the money."

After that Mrs. Redshaw parted with various sums.

Regular hospital ships draw too much water to enter these harbours.

This ship provides easily the most comfortable form of transport for seriously wounded men—the alternative is a bumpy ride across 100 miles of desert in an ambulance lorry which is a severe ordeal for a wounded man.

Regular Trips

Impressed into service at short notice the little ship is now making regular trips.

A team of Australian medical officers supervise the wounded—a service which is both difficult and dangerous.

The ship will await the dusk when it will slip out of harbour with the utmost promptness in order to miss Italian bombers.

The trip will be by no means a pleasure cruise. Apart from the possibility of meeting a wandering Italian submarine a high sea is running, which would make normal routine for men not accustomed to a sea voyage very difficult.

Majority of the Imperial troops who will make the voyage are men who went through the Bardia campaign and then were wounded at Tobruk.

Less seriously wounded men move about on the deck of the ship and all are in good spirits.

Seriously Hurt

Some Imperial soldiers, and many Italians are more seriously hurt and they console themselves with the certain knowledge that they will receive every possible attention at base hospitals.

Many of the lightly wounded Italians were becoming more cheerful even before the voyage starts, at the prospect that the war is finished for them, but others sit silently around the deck, their sad eyes asking the question when will they see their native land again.—Reuter.

WAR BRINGS TWO NEW DISEASES

Two new wartime afflictions—evacuee's sore throat and shelter tonsillitis—are dealt with by Mr. T. B. Layton, senior surgeon of the throat and ear department of Guy's Hospital, in an article in the British Medical Journal.

Evacuee's sore throat is caused he says, by the fact that if a young person entirely changes his mode and site of living, the hygiene of the upper respiratory tract is altered, and will take some time to adjust itself.

Shelter tonsillitis, he adds, is not as yet prevalent, but it is very likely to become so.



Members of an aircraft factory who recently visited an R.A.F. Fighter Squadron, invited the pilots to pay them a visit at the factory and see their fighter planes being made. The visitors to the factory had destroyed 30 enemy machines at least. One baled out when his machine caught fire and another was adrift on a raft for three days. The decorations of the party included three D.F.C.'s, one A.F.C., and one D.F.M. Photo shows some of the pilots watching girls at work on the instrument panels. The Flight Lieutenant in the centre has 17 planes to his credit. (Copy-right, Fox).

AMBASSADOR'S NAME STILL A SECRET

A successor to Mr. Joseph Kennedy as United States Ambassador to Britain has been chosen.

President Roosevelt announced this at his press conference in Washington yesterday but declined to reveal the name of the envoy he has selected.—Reuter.

Diamond For War Relief

THE FIRST DIAMOND TO BE POLISHED IN BIRMINGHAM HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE LORD MAYOR FOR WAR RELIEF.

The diamond, which is worth £100, was polished by refugees from Belgium and the Low Countries.

A sum of £25,000 for a "Spitfire" has been received from the Bangalore civil and military station war fund.

Up to the end of last year, the British Red Cross and St. John's fund had spent over £1,000,000 on food and clothing for prisoners of war, while another £1,000,000 had been spent on medical requirements, including £10,000 for relief in Finland.

The balance then remaining was over £1,000,000.—Reuter.

A Scout and Guide Memorial Service for the late Chief Scout, the Right Honourable Lord Baden-Powell, will be held in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

BRITISH SUPPLY COUNCIL SET UP IN AMERICA

THE GREAT INCREASE in the volume of British supplies from North America has necessitated a change in the Anglo-American liaison organisation.

A committee has been established, called the British Supply Council in North America, the chairman being Mr. Arthur Purvis, Director-General of the British Purchasing Mission.

Additional members will be Mr. Morris Wilson, Sir Clive Baillieu, Australian representative on the Imperial Economic Committee since 1930, Sir Henry Self, Director-General of the British Air Commission, and Vice-Admiral A. E. Evans, head of the Admiralty mission in Canada.

The Council will deal with all issues of policy concerning supply, including representations to be made to the United States Administration.

Sir Clive Baillieu has been appointed Director-General of the British Purchasing Mission.

Co-Ordination Of Effort

"Formation of the new Council gives effect to the organisation of methods for the complete co-ordination of the North American war effort," the spokesman of the Canadian Munitions and Supply Department in Ottawa told Reuter last night.

The spokesman added that increased cooperation between the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada in the production of war materials would be a direct result of the new organisation.

The appointment of Mr. Purvis as chairman of the Council is generally regarded in Ottawa as satisfactory.

Fully In Tune

In Washington, the new Council is regarded as being fully in tune with present developments in economic and war supply arrangements between the United States and Britain.

As big as have been the activities of the British Purchasing Mission it is expected they will be dwarfed by the amount of material to be sent across the Atlantic during the next two years under the Lease-and-Lend Bill. Mr. Purvis is widely regarded

H.K. BANK DIVIDEND

The Directors of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation have announced that, subject to audit, the dividend for the half year ending 31st December, 1940, will be:—Dividend £2.10/- per share; write off Bank Premises \$1,000,000; and carry forward to next year about \$3,422,000.

BLACK-OUT FINES ON R.A.F. OFFICER

A fine of £50 was imposed at Devizes on Flt.-Lt. Percy Jack Clayton for a black-out offence.

P.C. Dummett stated that during a party at Clayton's house the french windows were wide open and the curtains drawn back. The lawn was flood-lit. Flt.-Lt. Clayton said, "Make your fine and get out. You people don't know there's a war on."

It was stated that members of the Home Guard had complained of the black-out arrangements at the house.

A fine of £2 was imposed for two further offences, one on the same night and the other on the following night.

Ng Hon-long, of No. 29, Des Voeux Road Central, has reported that a typewriter and clothing to the total value of \$120, were stolen from his residence this morning.

In Washington as an excellent person to head the new Council, which was obviously necessary to facilitate getting American material to Britain.—Reuter.

REVIVED HOPE IN FRANCE

Resentment Now Giving Place To Reason

VICTORY WILL NOT LONG BE DELAYED

"I am more than ever convinced that the victory of our just cause will not be long delayed," said the Australian Premier, Mr. R. G. Menzies, replying to a telegram from General de Gaulle congratulating him "on the magnificent achievement of the Australian troops at Bardia and their effective contribution to the defeat of our common enemy." — Reuter.

R.A.F. ROUNDS UP PRISONERS

Military experts in London say that one reason for the fact that our losses in the taking of Sidi-Barani and Sollum were under 1,000 and Bardia less than 600 killed and wounded is probably the extensive use made of armoured vehicles.

Italian prisoners in Libya are still being rounded up and R.A.F. fighter planes are giving a hand in this work.

Flying low over the desert, skimming the cliffs on the sea-shore at times, where they spot Italians taking refuge in caves, they have on several occasions enabled quite large bands to be taken prisoner.

Two days ago a Hurricane saw a small party of Italian officers at the water's edge.

The Navy was informed, and a motor-boat took them on board, the party including the commander of the Sidi-Barani garrison.

Another British fighter captured 150 Italians.

The pilot at first thought they were British, but he came low and spotted their dusty green uniforms.

He let loose a burst from his guns at them and then flew around and around, keeping them together.

A truck-load of British soldiers arrived to relieve him. — Reuter.

SOLDIERS ARMED ON LEAVE

An Army officer told Mr. Justice Tucker at the Old Bailey that soldiers on leave must take rifles and ammunition with them.

The Judge said he had had two cases that session of soldiers shooting while on leave.

Before the court was James Burnham, 21, a trooper, who was sentenced to 12 months imprisonment for shooting at his sister-in-law, Mrs. Elsie Burnham, and William George Sullivan, outside an air-raid shelter. Sullivan was wounded in the arm.

It was stated that Burnham had cohabited with the woman while his brother was away.

Pro-British Sentiment Grows

THE REMARKABLE growth of pro-British sentiment in France to-day was the text of a broadcast by Mr. Alfred Duff-Cooper, Minister of Information, from London last evening.

Mr. Duff-Cooper spoke of evidence from sources of "absolute accuracy" that in France despair had given place to hope, and resentment to reason. They saw that the only hope for the future of a France free and independent was a British victory.

Mr. Duff-Cooper told of a French boy who built an aeroplane in a cowshed and on a stormy day, when few German aircraft were about, took off and landed safely in England and is now fighting for the cause of the Allies in the Free French Forces.

This boy, said Mr. Duff-Cooper, was able to give effect to the desire latent in the hearts of millions of brave Frenchmen to-day who only awaited an opportunity to show upon whose side they are and for whose victory they pray.

Greatest Of Glories

Mr. Duff-Cooper paid high tribute to Free Frenchmen and their leader, General de Gaulle. He said: "They have given up all for a cause which means more to them than all the world: it is the principle of honour, deeply implanted in the souls of all soldiers, which made them refuse to surrender: it is love of liberty deeply implanted in the souls of all Frenchmen, which urges them to continue the fight."

"Their's is now the hardest of all lot's to bear but in the days of victory theirs will be the greatest of all glories, when the exiles will come home as conquerors restoring to their own people the freedom they had forfeited." — Reuter.

Exhausted and Stunned

He added: "When that series of sudden blows were delivered against them in the days of June, the French were left exhausted and stunned—hardly realising what had happened, hardly able to understand the extent of the catastrophe which had overwhelmed a free and happy country."

In those moments of grief, in those moments of misery and defeat, their feelings were naturally those of bitterness against the whole world and they eagerly looked round for one on whom to put the blame of disaster."

German propagandists made the most of the opportunity and pointed to Britain as the culprit.

This worked well among a heartbroken people who had, for the time being, lost the ability to reason—a characteristic of the French mind for centuries. The war seemed to be over and continued British resistance hopeless.

Mr. Duff-Cooper went on: "That was the French mood of last summer—but it is not the mood of France to-day. For months now they have been contemplating, at first with astonishment, then with dawning hope, and now with ever increasing confidence, the great fight the British have put up, the indomitable resistance against which the might of German aggression is gradually exhausting itself."

Germans Hated

As despair gave place to hope, so reason gradually took the place of resentment. The French people recovered their consciousness and saw what for the moment they had lost sight of—that the only hope for the future of France as a free and independent governing State lay in the prospects of a British victory.

The Germans are more deeply

hated in France than they were in the last war or even in 1870. The whole of France has been despoiled in order to gratify the insatiable greed of Germany. France is a rich, fertile country with a soil that produces the best of everything in abundance; yet already occupied parts of France are going short of everything, while daily, trains heavily laden with French produce are despatched to Germany.

Throughout France to-day pro-British sentiment is growing with remarkable rapidity and not unnaturally it grows more rapidly in Occupied France where the hateful presence of the Germans reminds the people day by day of what they have lost and what is their one hope of regaining it."

London and Paris

Mr. Duff-Cooper then spoke of London and Paris as the two greatest cities of Europe.

"From them has come forth all that is best in modern European civilisation and they both hold within their walls the traditions and love of the two great peoples that inhabit them."

We here in London often feel sad these days when we see ancient landmarks destroyed, beautiful churches lying in ruins, memorials of our past greatness turned to dust. We feel sad, we feel angry, but we also feel proud, and how infinitely more gladly do we witness such wicked wanton destruction than we would witness, if we were Frenchmen to-day, Paris unscratched, her beauty undiminished, her buildings standing all where they stood so long, but German soldiers mounting guard over the remains of Napoleon, German officers swaggering down French boulevards, German women covering themselves with French finery for which the French are obliged to accept fraudulent, worthless German marks.

Easier To Bear

Believe me, the Londoner's lot is easier to bear than that of the Parisian who must envy us our wounds to-day and who in days to come will gaze with awe and admiration upon our scars."

Mr. Duff-Cooper concluded: "It is one of the greatest of all Hitler's errors to believe he can permanently suppress the spirit of France. That spirit is alive to-day and growing in vigour. What better proof could we have than the simple fact that on Armistice Day, students in streets of Paris sang the Marseillaise, and when forbidden to sing it, sang instead 'God Save the King'." — British Wireless.

WELFARE OF ARMY FAMILIES

Four military officers of the rank of major have been specially appointed in Lahore for the purpose of looking after the welfare of the families of soldiers who are abroad on active service.

A fifth officer has been appointed at Peshawar, on the North-West Frontier. — Reuter.



Polish troops now serving under General Wavell's Command in the Middle East. (Copyright, Fox).

THE NEW CHIEF WHIP

THE RT. HON. JAMES GRAY STUART HAS BEEN APPOINTED CHIEF GOVERNMENT WHIP IN PLACE OF CAPTAIN DAVID MARGESSON, THE SECRETARY FOR WAR.

Mr. Stuart is a brother of Lord Moray, and his wife, Lady Rachel Stuart, is a daughter of the late Duke of Devonshire. He served with distinction in the Great War and was Conservative M.P. for Moray and Nairn and has been a deputy of Capt. Margesson since 1937. He is also the Scottish Government Whip.

For two years he was in business in America and is reputed to have one of the quickest brains in the Commons. — Reuter.

GALLABAT NIGHT RAID

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF BRILLIANT MOONLIGHT, BRITISH TROOPS SUPPORTED BY ARTILLERY CARRIED OUT A STRONG NIGHT RAID ON PREPARED ITALIAN POSITIONS IN THE GALLABAT SECTOR OF THE SUDAN - ABYSSINIA FRONT. IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN KHARTOUM YESTERDAY.

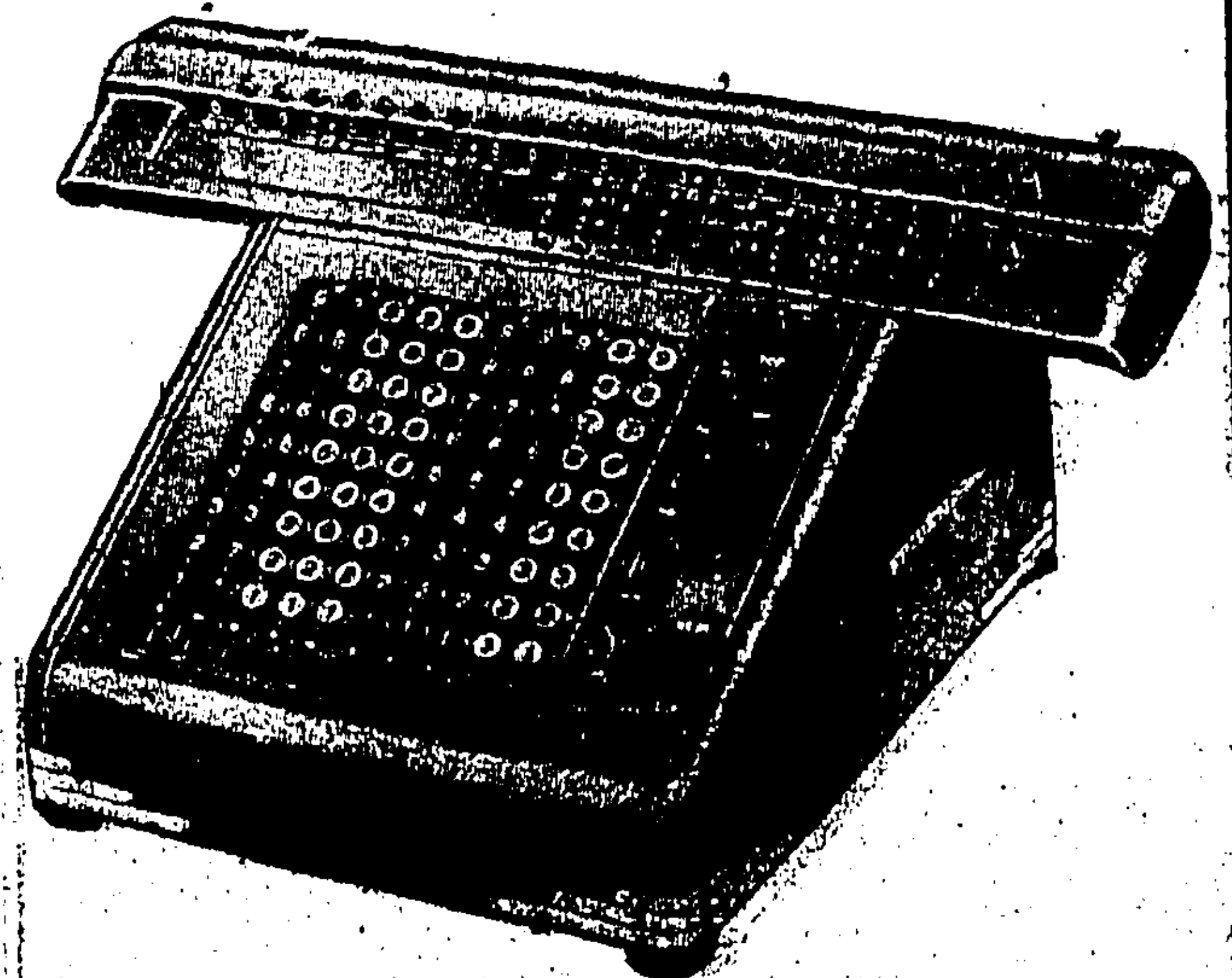
After fierce hand to hand fighting the British gained their objective.

It is estimated the Italians lost 60 killed. British casualties were very slight.

British patrols are also continuing strong pressure against Italian positions in the Kassala sector, further north. — Reuter.

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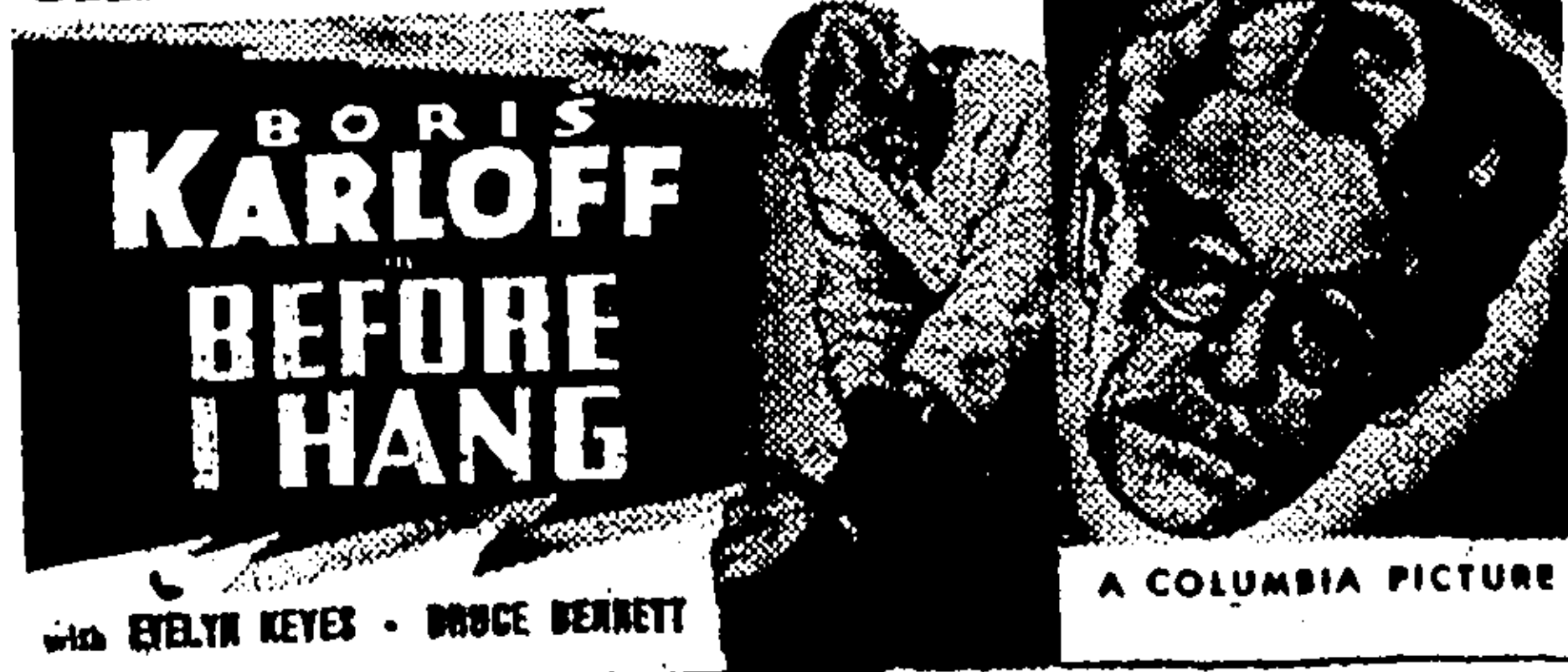
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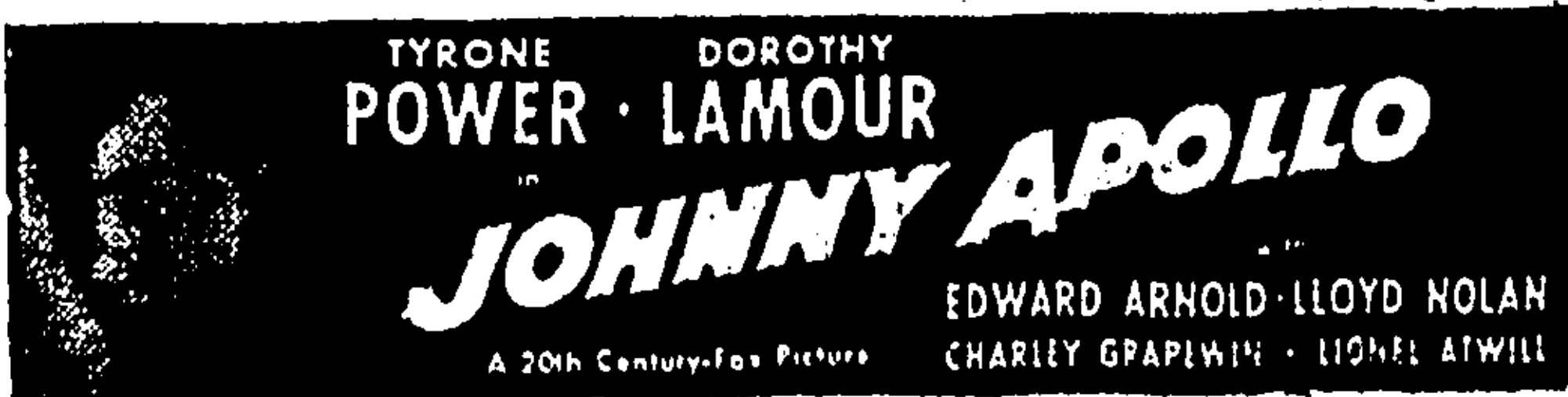
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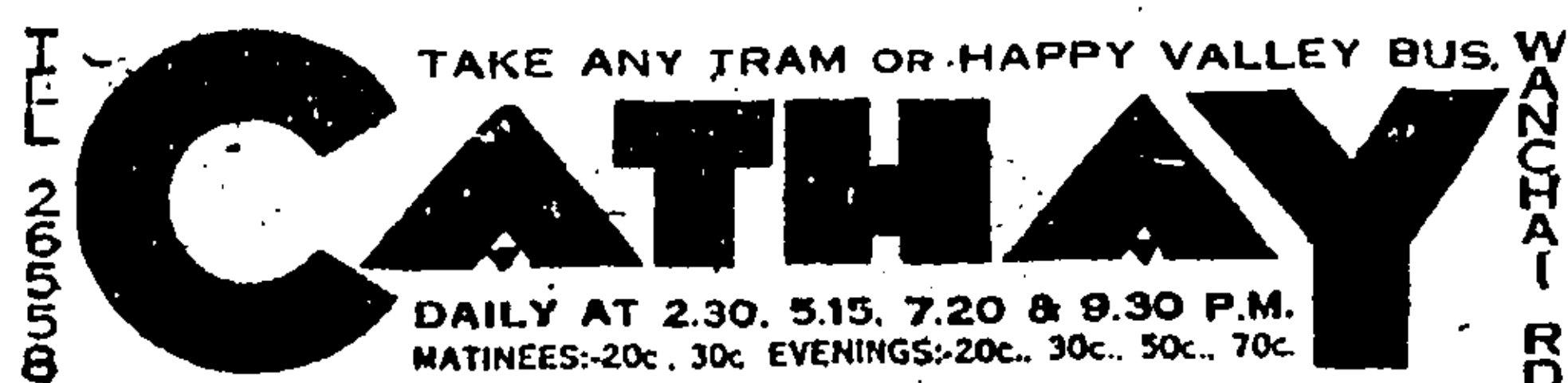
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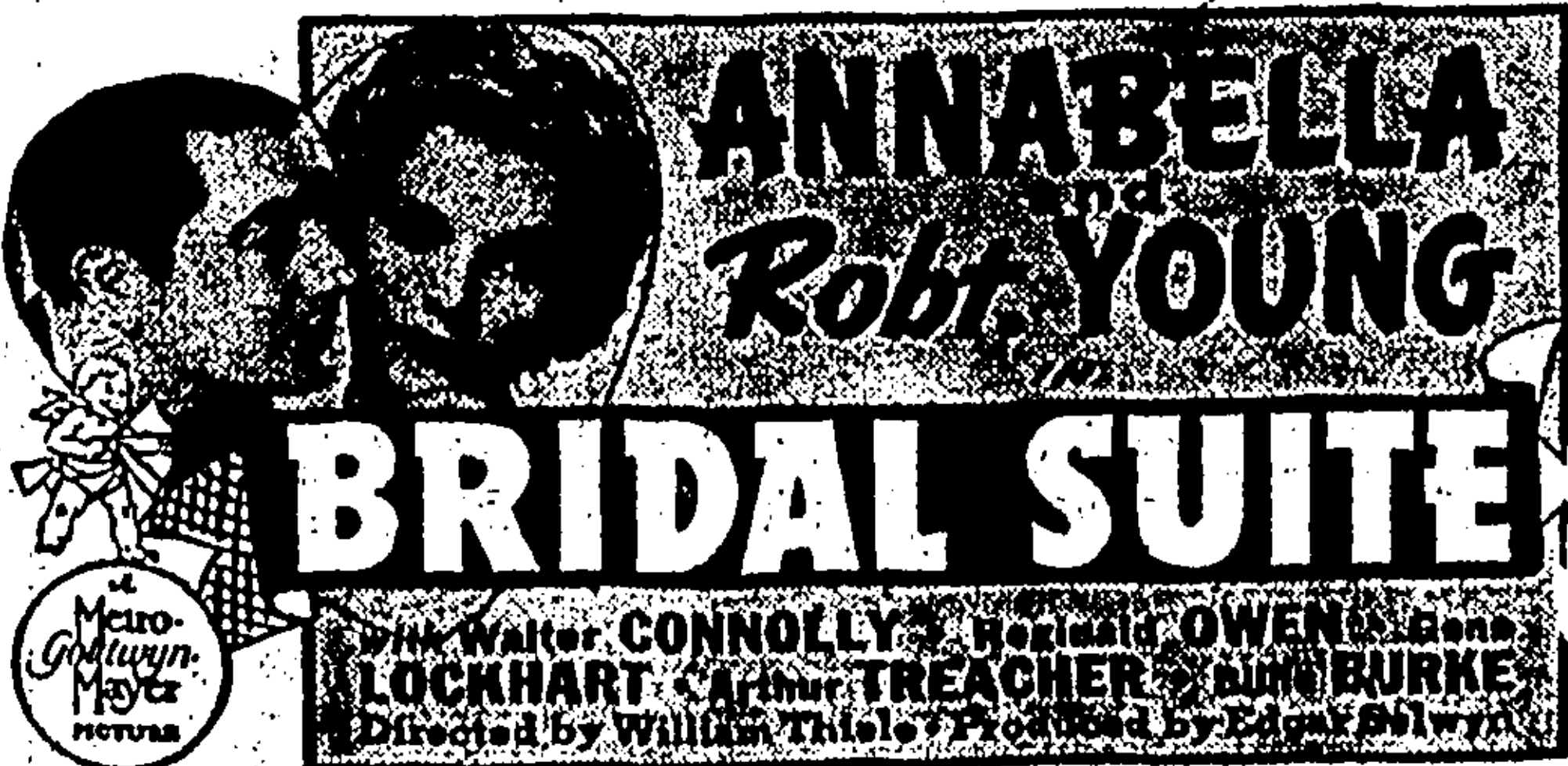


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SENATOR WHEELER ROUSES ANGER OF PRESIDENT

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MADE AN IM-FASSIONED OUTBURST AT A PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY AGAINST AN OPPONENT, WHO HE DID NOT NAME, OF THE LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING HIM TO CARRY OUT HIS POLICY OF TOTAL AID TO THE DEMOCRACIES.

The President said that he had read in a newspaper that "every fourth American child would be ploughed under" and he described it as "the rottenest lie that has been said in the public life of my generation."

President Roosevelt declined to say who made the statement originally, but he declared that it had been repeated by several people and he added: "It is a good time to kill a poor slogan, at birth."

"I regard that statement as the most untruthful, the most dastardly and the most unpatriotic thing that has ever been said. Quote me on that."

The "Culprit"

Although President Roosevelt declined to name the person responsible, the slogan was the work of the isolationist leader Senator Wheeler, who has proclaimed the intention of opponents of the Lease-and-Lend Bill to fight for its defeat, not to accept it with modifications.

In a wireless broadcast on Sunday night, Senator Wheeler termed the measure "The New Deal's triple, a foreign policy—to plough under every fourth American boy." — Reuter.

WOMEN DISCUSS SHELTERS

2,000,000 Sleep Away From Home

Miss M. E. Sutherland, of London, chief woman officer to the Labour party, told the National Conference of labour women at Southport that they had no right to plead to the Government that every civilian should have absolute immunity against the bomb.

Miss Sutherland was moving an emergency resolution on air-raid policy which urged the need for setting up a special authority in the Greater London area, and other vulnerable centres, to deal with problems arising from air raids. This was carried unanimously.

Miss Sutherland declared that to say there was no real security except 60ft below the ground was to create panic. The efficacy of other kinds of shelters had been proved in London by the lowering of the casualty rate.

Mayfair Offers Declined

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, the new Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Home Security, describing to the National Council of Women in London some of her shelter problems, remarked that there were large houses in Mayfair—whole strings of them, in fact—where people could be billeted, but people could not be persuaded to go from the Isle of Dogs to live in Ea on Square. One woman who was offered a home for her large family in Eaton Square, had said to her: "Well, miss, whatever would I do with a flat in Ea on Square? Where do you think I should do my shopping. Harrods?"

Other points made by Miss Wilkinson were: "People with Anderson shelters must use them or surrender them. Two million people are having to sleep outside their own homes. Strong partitioning walls in shelters increase safety, and the problem of sanitation is being solved very rapidly."

AFRICAN GOVERNORS CONFER

The Governors of Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and the Acting Resident of Zanzibar, met in conference at Nairobi yesterday.

An official statement issued at the conclusion of the meeting stated that they had agreed on the formation of an East African Supply Board, to control imports of currency, exchange and supplies for civil needs.

They also agreed on procedure to be adopted for dealing with post-war problems on an East African basis.

Military discussions, attended by the G.O.C., were also held during the conference.—Reuter.

cost about £600, and counsel for the defence said that unless Mr. Gee could get cash or credit from somewhere he could not possibly build it.

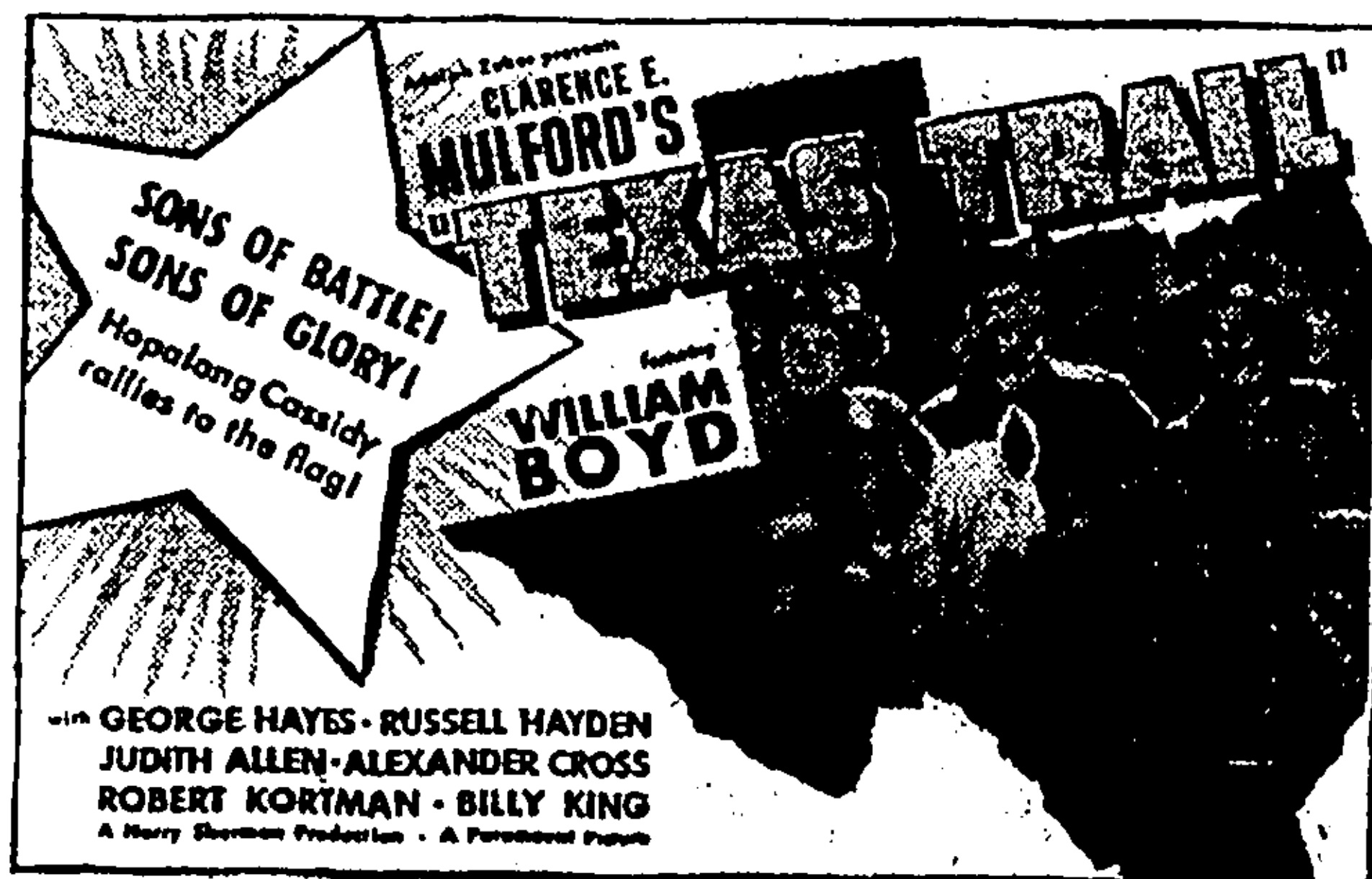
MUST BUILD SHELTER

For failing to comply with a notice of the Marylebone Council to provide air-raid shelter for 140 persons in a commercial building in Bolsover Street, W., Stephen G. Gee was fined £5 and three guineas costs at Marlborough Street. He was ordered to build the shelter within six weeks. The shelter was estimated to



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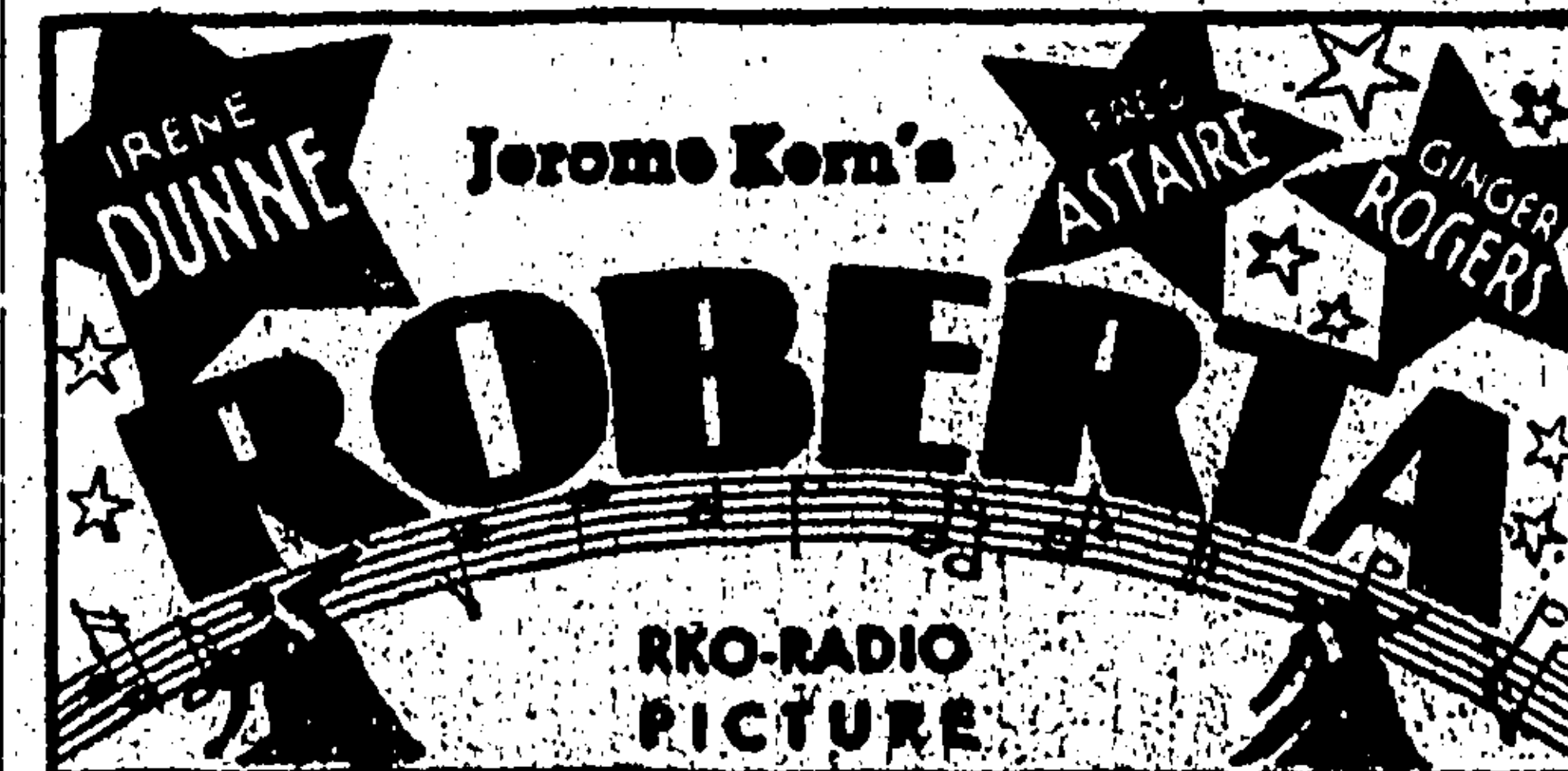


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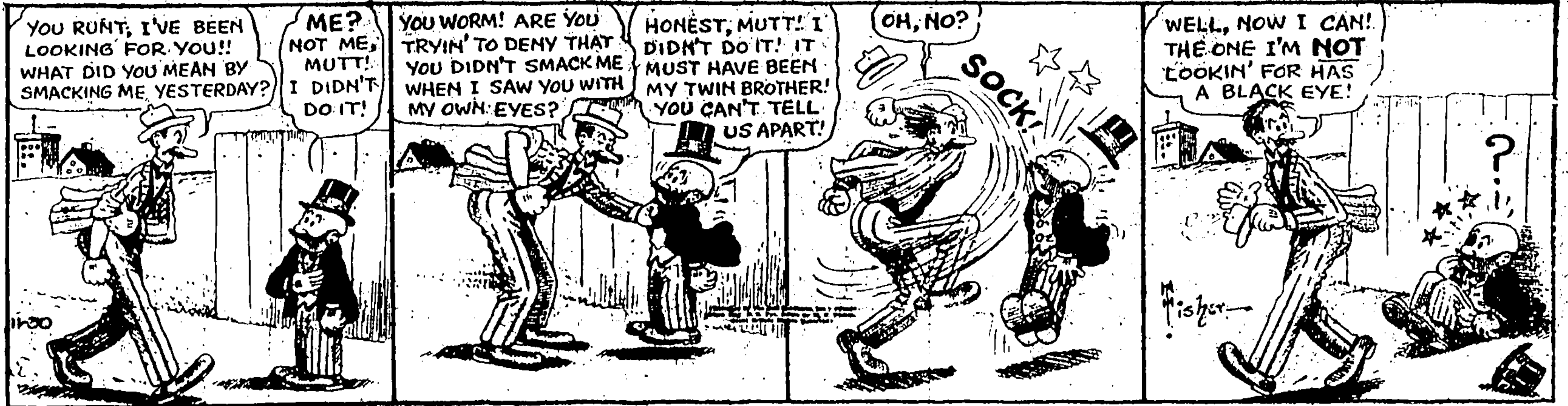
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TO-MORROW • "IRENE"

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WINTER BUS CURFEW

London's buses—except special ones for late workers—will stop running at ten or eleven o'clock at night during the winter months. The Tubes, however, will run till a later hour.

This was announced by Mr. T. E. Thomas, general operations manager of London Transport.

Mr. Thomas said that as the days became shorter the evening rush hour would become earlier, and the Board was preparing for the peak period to begin about 3.30 p.m.

They found that evening traffic was much more concentrated than before, and traffic which normally would be spread over two hours, was now concentrated into one hour.

Buses loaned by the provinces and Scotland will assist in the restoration of all Green Line coach routes and the strengthening of auxiliary services, added Mr. Thomas. More than 400 buses had already reached London from the provinces.

Express buses would be placed on ten additional routes. "Sheltering in the Tubes is being placed on an orderly basis, so

HER GUESTS HIT-PARTY WAS HELD

By A Special Correspondent

TWO MINUTES after she had taken names of a number of R.A.F. boys for the party she was throwing, a girl answered the 'phone at a first-aid reception post. "Casualty list," said a voice.

She took down the names of some of the boys who were to have been guests. Showing no trace of her emotion, Miss Gladys Ayling, twenty, of North London, went out to receive them, passed from stretcher to stretcher. First she saw the terribly injured body of "Crid," then there was "Dick" and "Dannie," and "Mick" and others.

that the least possible inconvenience will be occasioned to travellers," said Mr. Thomas.

"The Board has agreed to the erection of three-tier bunks at the stations. This will increase the accommodation available.

Mr. Thomas said the supply of refreshments to shelterers had already begun, and it was expected that the service would involve the employment of a staff of 1,000.

If you want to know the easiest way to get to your work or to your home, you can ask one of the new information bureaux now being set up in various London districts

To those who were conscious she murmured words of comfort, and gently stroked their faces.

All night long Gladys went on coolly with the work at her post.

During the night she and her friend, Miss Mollie Wick found the dog mascot of the unit, Boss.

They tended to his wounds and Gladys took him home with her.

Soon after daylight the two girls drove round the hospitals. To Dick and Dannie they took flowers, food and cigarettes.

Mick was allowed to leave hospital. He went to Gladys's home — to the party.

Later in the day Jackie, who despite his injuries had refused to go to hospital, arrived. He, too, had come for the party.

So, bravely, Gladys held her party. "They were such wonderful boys," Gladys told a reporter "When they came to be stationed near my post Mollie and I thought they seemed so lonely that we decided to 'mother' them.

Her Friends

"We bought them crockery, and things to make their hut look homely.

"Several of the boys have been to my home, and we were all so happy that I decided to give a party.

"I went across to their station last night and we all talked about the party.

"I hadn't left them more than a couple of minutes when those German murderers dropped the bomb.

"I knew that there were casualties, but I didn't know it was the boys.

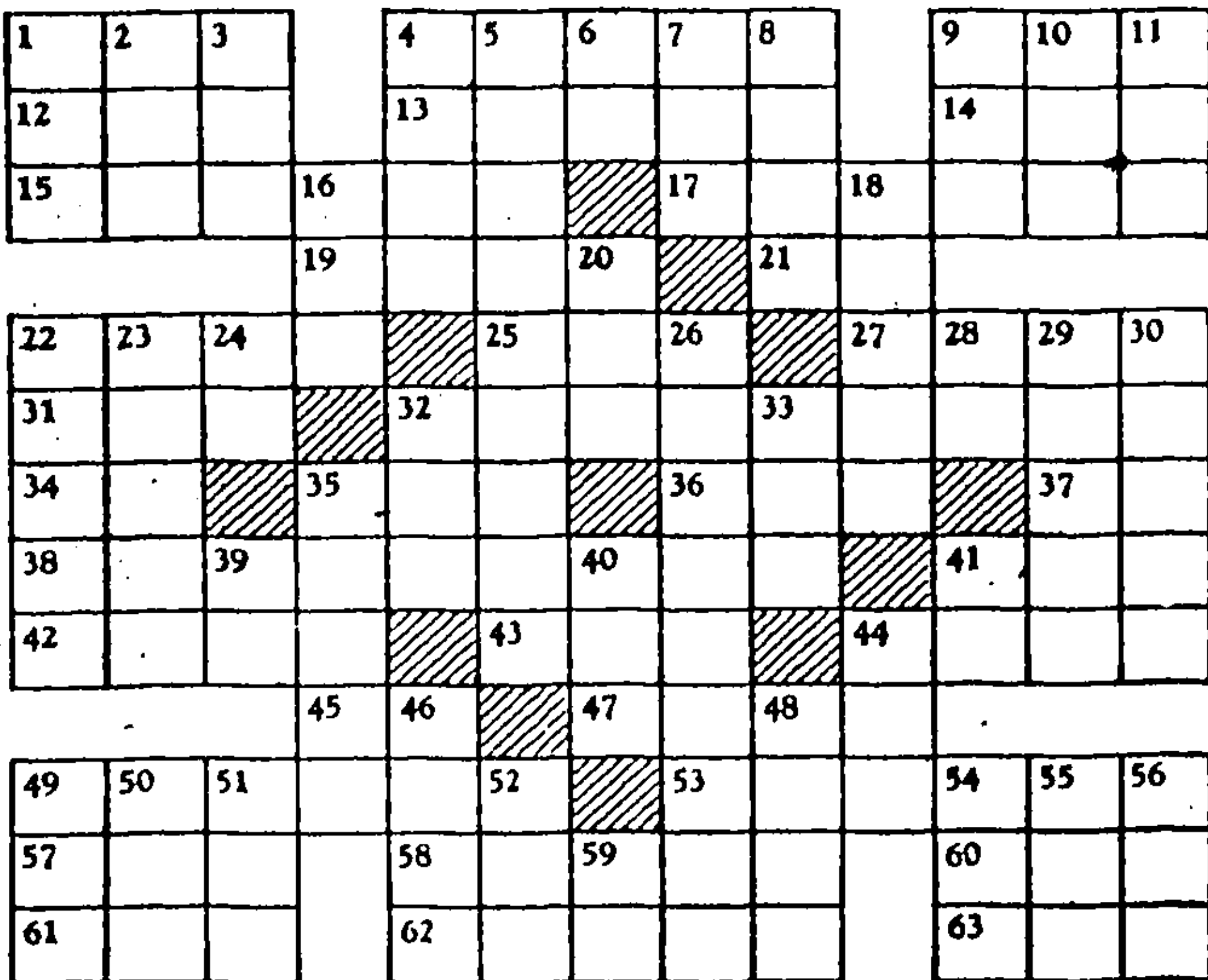
"I was there with my notebook ready to take the names—and the first seven I took were all my friends.

"I was absolutely stunned. It was heartbreaking. But we just have to carry on. It's our job—just keep smiling and make the best of things.

"I feel like a mother who has lost their sons—but I'll look after the boys who have escaped alive."

One of the airmen said: "Gladys is a real darling. She and Mollie — and Boss — were the sweet-hearts of the squad."

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



HORIZONTAL

- 1 The self
- 4 Live coal
- 8 To exhaust
- 12 Animal's foot
- 13 French river
- 14 Room in a harem
- 15 Alt
- 17 To affix firmly
- 19 Fruit
- 21 Land measure
- 22 Go away
- 23 The lily
- 27 Soon
- 31 Infant
- 32 Inauspicious
- 34 Either
- 35 Brazilian coin
- 36 Hall
- 37 Exists
- 38 Former South American country
- 41 Ditch
- 43 Narrow opening
- 45 French for "no"
- 46 Fishing-net
- 47 Since
- 48 Merriment

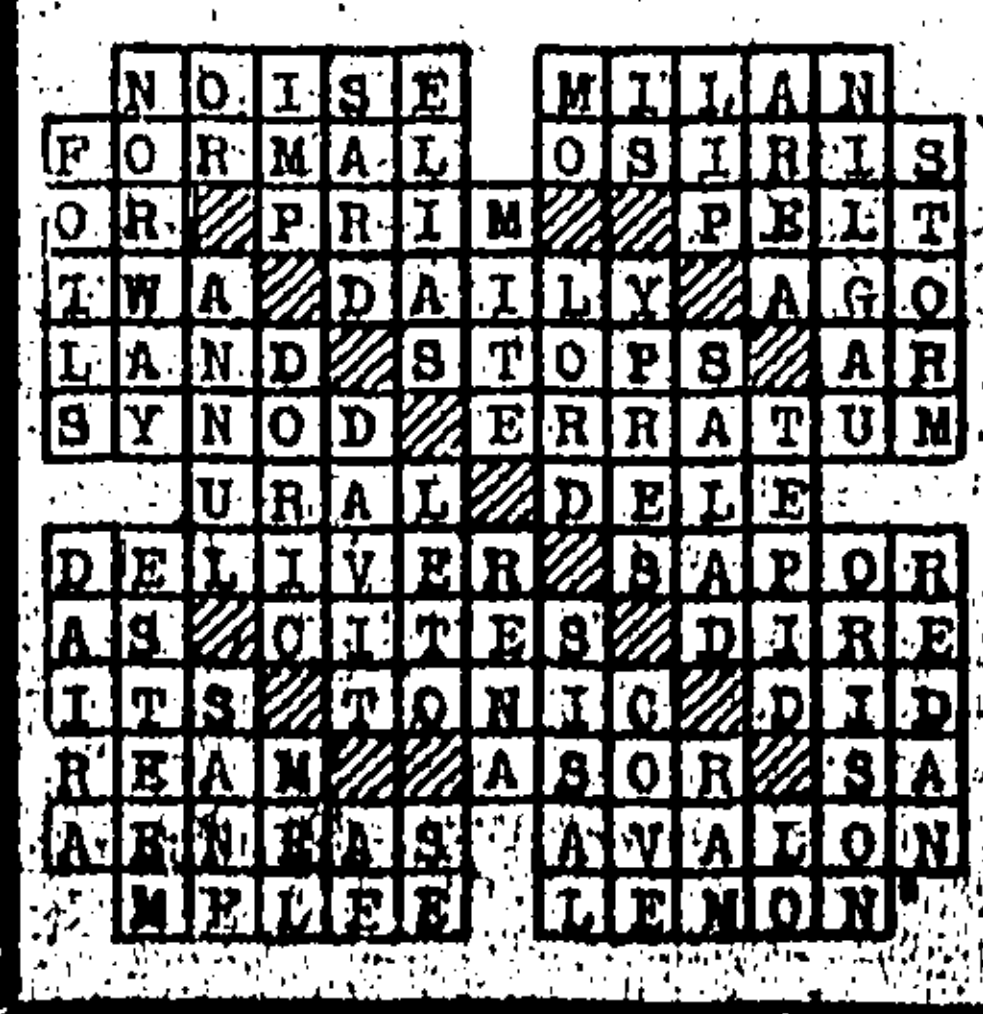
VERTICAL

- 1 Slender snail
- 2 Fuel
- 3 Nocturnal bird
- 4 Serf
- 5 Commemorative disk
- 6 Prefix: two
- 7 Girl's name
- 8 California rockfish

VERTICAL

- 9 Exclamation of disgust
- 10 Bustle
- 11 Pike-like fish
- 16 Likely
- 18 Wickerwork hamper
- 20 Inlet
- 22 Prevents
- 23 Anthozoan
- 24 Preposition
- 26 Pure
- 28 Greek letter
- 29 Offensive-ness
- 30 Aerics
- 32 Wooden pin
- 33 Yellow bugle
- 35 Assessment
- 39 Toward
- 40 Block of wood
- 41 Egyptian deity
- 44 Garland
- 45 To strike
- 46 Otherwise
- 47 To surpass
- 48 Incandescent fruit
- 51 Man's name
- 52 Australian bird
- 54 Container
- 55 Conspicuous
- 56 To lute
- 59 Symbol for tridium

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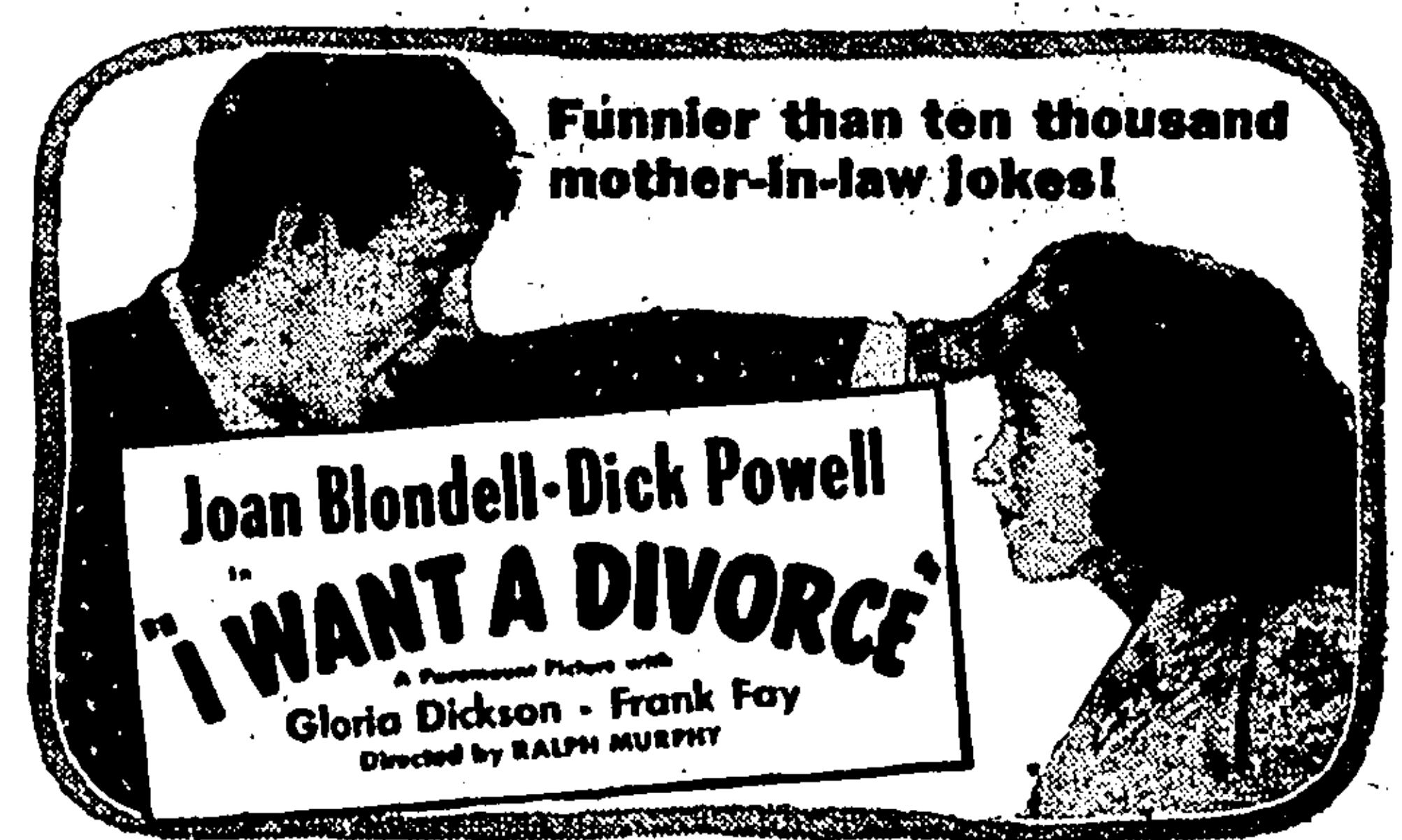


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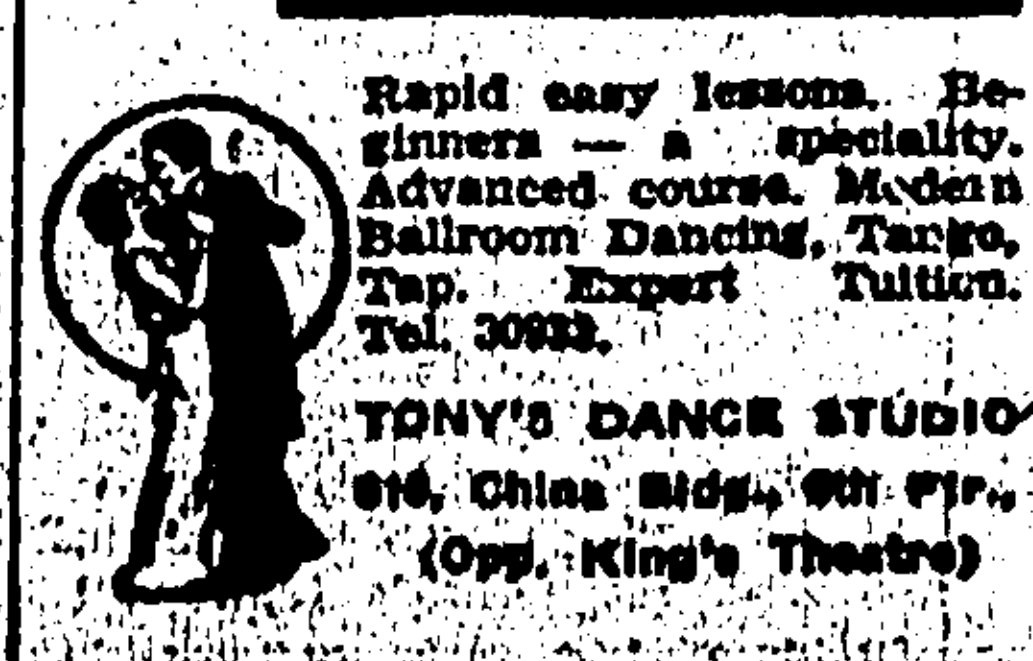
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A VISIT TO OUR AIR UNITS in the Western Desert impresses one at the outset with the preparedness of the organisation and with the keenness of the personnel.

This time I came by sea on the maiden journey of a high-speed launch from Alexandria to the little port in the western desert which is to be its base, writes a special correspondent with the R.A.F. in the field.

The formations quartered here include one of the bomber and one of the fighter squadrons which have so magnificently attacked Graziani's bases.

Both are composed of youngsters whose average age is 25.

They are wonderfully fit and alert, and it is a delight to watch their youthful spirits and to listen to them discussing the merits and demerits of respective machines and their hopes of being in action in the near future.

The squadron leaders are almost as young as the men they command, inordinately proud boys who similarly are deeply respectful of their commanders, whose prowess they so often have occasion to admire. The bomber squadron's leader is a distinguished general's son, only 28 years of age.

Leave Not Wanted

It may be mentioned as an illustration of the keenness of these air boys that when rest leave was introduced there was not a single voluntary response, because it was feared that opportunities might be missed.

Another trait I liked was the modesty of these lads. Nowhere did I hear a single word of self-praise or a voluntary statement of their achievements. One squadron has a little book in which the men themselves record anything which even approaches boastfulness.

Modesty of Pilot

An illustration of this modesty is the case of three bombers sent early in the afternoon to attack Safafi. After watching them land most skilfully in the dark, we adjourned to the mess to await the arrival of the pilots.

Time passed but nothing happened and on inquiring when we would be able to meet the pilots we found to our surprise that they had already come in, just as if they had been out for a stroll.

Not a word was said about the success with which they had just knocked out a considerable quantity of transport and supplies as photographs we saw later testified.

Here, too, is a graphic example of R.A.F. preparedness. While at lunch the fighter squadron's leader was called to the telephone by his group commander. A whispered word to his officers followed and a score interrupted the meal and silently filed out.

A few seconds later the drone of Hurricanes filled the air.

At The Alert

When I went out to the aerodrome I learnt that an alarm had been received and that the officers had gone out to man the planes either by standing by ready to follow within 90 seconds of the first take-off or ready as reserves available to follow in five or 10 minutes after the receipt of the final signal.

At breakfast-time recently a sudden downpour of rain, the first of the season, of torrential force and volume, quickly saturated the ground, which became a quagmire, over which we slid about like ice.

It did not last long enough permanently to soak the earth, but it was sufficient to give an inkling of what Graziani's transport will suffer if the rains are allowed to settle up with the macadamisation of roads from the bases.

HONG KONG GIFT TO RED CROSS

A further sum of £2,000 has been re-erected to the British Red Cross, England, out of the balance of funds with the Hon. Treasurer of the British War Organisation. This makes a total of £30,528/8/9 to date.

In addition, ten cases of hospital supplies, woollen garments and old clothes have been shipped to British Red Cross, England, and one case of woollen garments to the Royal Naval Depot by the courtesy of the Glen Line Ltd. A beginning has also been made with supplies to the Middle East. Shipments to date have reached a total of 202 cases.

The following appeared in the latest fortnightly Summary of work issued by the British Red Cross:—

"During the two weeks ending 5th October, the Central Hospital Service Supply Department received more than 10,000 gifts from overseas and nearly 33,000 from Home sources. The largest consignment came from Hong Kong, it contained 6,790 items."

ROBBED DANCING GIRLS, ENDED UP IN HARBOUR

THE STORY OF HOW Chan Man, unemployed printer, jumped into the harbour after he had robbed two dancing girls and wounded three persons to avoid capture, was told by Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Counsel, at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The case was heard before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, while the jury was composed of Messrs. H. Overy (foreman), J. Frenkel, Kamnan Tong, Ng Wai-keung, Lau Hon G. D. Chin and P. W. Calderara. Mr. Murphy was assisted by Detective-Inspector W. N. Dargin, while accused was not legally represented.

The jury found accused guilty without retiring, and he was sentenced to three years' hard labour.

Mr. Murphy said that at about 8 p.m. on November 23, Wang Chan and Chan Kam-ping, who worked in a dancing hall in Lockhart Road, were going up the stairs on their way to the top floor, when, between the second and third floors, accused hurried up behind them. The two girls separated to allow him to pass, but instead, he seized Wang's hand bag and threatened her with something in his hand. The other girl shouted and he ran into the street, after he had taken Wang's handbag and her wrist watch.

At the bottom of the stairs, accused was tackled by two men, Wang Chuen and Wan Fuk, but he received wounds in doing so and accused broke away. He ran towards Tsimsho Road, where Li Tsun took up the chase

EVACUEE MET HER DADDY

British troops, newly arrived, were marching along a street in Capetown.

Child evacuees from Britain were among the cheering crowds who lined the route.

Suddenly a little girl, a Londoner, dashed from the pavement and, excitedly shouting, "Daddy!" flung her arms around one of the soldiers.

Thus were a father and daughter reunited thousands of miles from home. Neither knew that the other was in South Africa.

The commanding officer was so impressed with the dramatic meeting that he gave the father one day's special leave to celebrate.

Details of the moving scene have been given in a letter received by a Blackburn business man from his daughter, a nurse in South Africa.

and brought accused to the ground. On the ground, accused cut Li Tsun on the face and he was obliged to let go.

Accused then ran towards the water front and the Police arrived. Li Tsung was taken to hospital and accused was found hiding under a pier off Tsimsho Road.

Deep Wound

Li Tsun suffered a deep cut to his face and was kept in hospital for several days. The wound healed but he would be permanently disfigured.

When charged, accused said he was going to return the articles to the girls. In the Lower Court he made a statement, denying everything. He said that he saw a crowd and was mixed up with it. He was accused of being a snatcher and was chased and ran towards the harbour.

Mr. Murphy said that accused's defence now was that he was wrongly identified.

After evidence had been taken he was found guilty.

\$300 LOST IN STREET

While walking in Morrison Street yesterday, Wang Wing, of the Empress Hotel, lost an envelope containing \$300.



TOO MANY SCAPEGOATS

When so many of a dictator's right-hand men must step down, the dictator himself is in a questionable position. This must be the reaction of many Italians to the resignations of Fascist Italy's biggest names from the most important posts in that country's military and naval forces.

General Soddu's abandonment of the task he found too big for him in Albania seems to add point to the recent similar resignations of Marshal Badoglio, Admiral Cavagnari and General de Vecchi.

Badoglio was quite the most outstanding military figure in Italy, and popular among the ranks of the Italian soldiery. His removal may have had adverse effects on the morale of Italian troops and thus may be a minor blunder added to the major blunders which have led to the wholesale shake-up.

Badoglio was not an ardent Fascist, but the shake-up was not simply a party matter, whatever part internal strains have played in it. Admiral Cavagnari was a Fascist, and to him went credit for modernising Italy's Navy. Possibly Il Duce felt that under him the Italian Navy had not lived dangerously enough though danger was sufficiently present even within the harbour at Taranto.

General de Vecchi, Governor of the Dodecanese Islands, was one of those famous Fascists that took part in the March on Rome. But the Dodecanese Islands, which should be an Italian threat to anti-Axis Turkey, are today in danger themselves. Il Duce needs reassurance that they are in the hands of an able military leader.

These and General Soddu's resignation tell the Italian people what they may have suspected but were never permitted to read in military dispatches. The "purge" reveals Premier Mussolini in need of a flock of scapegoats for the course of the war in Greece and the Mediterranean. It confirms the opinion of the outside world that the Italian reverses are having important effects inside Italy; but few observers would have estimated these effects in such terms as Il Duce now advertises them.

They are an outcome of premature moves by the Italian dictator. The first of these was Italy's entry into the war when the fall of France was imminent.

"What's the good of war? It's no good at all. A bunch of sharps and crooks make the wars. I'm against it all, have nothing to do with it," said Henry Ford, sitting on the horsehair sofa in the old replanted Clinton Inn at Dearborn, his native place, now the centre of the world's biggest motor works, which he has created.

"But didn't I see your people driving piles for a building to make 4,000 Pratt and Whitney engines for warplanes?" I asked.

"That's the plant," said Mr. Ford with a hard twinkle. "I've got an alibi." He would not discuss the matter except to say two things about his refusal to make the Rolls-Royce engines, of which two-thirds of the output were to go to the British. He said that "that man" (Mr. Roosevelt) wanted to go on making war and get everything going his way. "I'm against helping him do that," said Mr. Ford. "And another reason is that I don't like the Rolls engine; I've got a better one."

'Knocking Their Heads'

Mr. Ford, however, was wearing a friend said for the first time a Willie button. But Willie was for all aid to Britain. Was he with Willie in that? Mr. Ford shook his head. "War was all wrong. You could get around a table and settle the whole thing." I suggested that that was the beginning of the trouble. The British believed in peace so thoroughly that they got around a table in Munich and then Hitler broke the agreement they made there and seized Czechoslovakia. Could anyone sit around a table with a man who never kept agreements? Would Mr. Ford sit around a table if the Communists seized his works? He replied that he had never seen a real Communist and was doubtful if there was one. He had seen plenty that called themselves Communists. Later he remarked that you had to have a big defence power so that you could knock together the heads of the fellows who were making all the trouble, but later he doubted defence too.

Mr. Ford, like many another idealist, was clearly at odds with himself under the pressure of the shattering events in Europe and the menace of the Nazi power that was against everything (except perhaps mechanisation) that he himself cared for. He did not conceal his liking for England and spoke of the United States as the "big brother." We had the same language and everything. I had said something about the strong, hefty-looking workmen on the assembly line at his Rouge River works, and he replied that the men at Dagenham, in England ("the biggest factory in the world under one roof"), were every bit as good, healthy, upstanding men: "All in one model too — English."

German Efficiency

But what seemed recurring to his mind was the mechanical or-

The second was Italy's venture in Greece, undertaken without sufficient preparation. Both of these moves are said to have been opposed by Badoglio and other military experts. If Il Duce sought to copy Hitler's way of moving ahead of the advice of his generals and yet coming out on the right side, then the Italian leader has damaged his prestige not only at home and among "neutrals" but in Berlin as well.

The shake-up is significant of what has happened in Italy as well as elsewhere since the beginning of the Greek war. It is no sign that Italy can be counted out of the war and should not raise false optimism among friends of freedom. Some of the new appointments promise a more vigorous and venturesome policy. But for the time being, Il Duce stands as his own supreme scapegoat.

ganisation and ability of the German people. "When the Germans left Belgium and France after the last war," he said, "they had improved the working there by 25 per cent in the method and plant of the factories." He returned to the point once or twice and said that "war was the best worse thing that can happen." But he hated it. The English people did not work hard enough. The Americans did not work as hard as they should either.

I accused him of forming his opinion, as so many distinguished Americans did, from Mayfair dinner tables. Had he ever been to the Clyde, where they made ships that the world knew about, or Leeds and Bradford, where they made the woollens that all Americans wanted to buy? Had he ever visited Manchester apart from his own works there?

Mr. Ford admitted that he had never been in Scotland or Leeds and Bradford and that he hadn't seen much of Manchester, but he insisted he had seen a lot of England and he had visited plenty of farms, and some of them were very good.

One got the impression that the industrialist leader was in one of the phases that had come to him several times in his life. He had said that he always knew in time when he was on the wrong track. Then he would stop and make a new decision. He had stopped on his course and made some momentous decisions in the past. Would he do so again? No one, they say, influences Mr. Ford, but if he is turning towards aid to Britain he would be going in the same direction as his kindly and charming wife. They celebrated their golden wedding two years ago.

A Children's Service

The conversation was continued next day at the Ford mansion in the Dearborn grounds, where I had also the privilege of meeting Mrs. Henry Ford, whose mother came from Warwick. The other persons present were Mr. Ford's distinguished doctor and a friend. My appointment was to meet him at half-past eight in the morning at the little "Martha and Mary" church — named after his mother and his wife — at Dearborn, in the rural precinct where sheep and horses survive and there are old London statues and revolutionary period inns and shops. I noticed that he got out of his motor before it stopped.

A tall, spare, active, high-shouldered figure in a grey suit with a Macdonald tie and a hairguard for his watch, he looks at you with a half-serious, half-quizzical expression. He is not taking your questions very seriously and you are not to take all his replies too seriously. He has a natural dignity and does not stand on it. He has none of the great man's sense of importance; he expects no special deference. "I'll go up first," he said, and he ran up the narrow gallery stair like a youth. "I wish I could run upstairs like that," I said at the top. "Ah, maybe I was just showing off," said Mr. Ford with a grin.

He put me to sit in the front row and sat behind me in the second row watching the service. There was a pause at one time before the children began to sing. "They're waiting for the go-ahead," he said. It was a chapel of children from the Ford school near by with Mr. Ford's plan of undenominational service. It included the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments in verse, some hymns, and two recitations about Columbus — one by a boy and one by a girl, and secular songs, "My bonnie lies over the ocean" and "America the Beautiful," all very patiently and prettily sung. None of the children looked up at Mr. Ford. Teachers also were in the gallery.

Farming In England

We filed out and after a talk with the teachers walked across the grass to the Clinton Inn, an old Michigan roadside hostelry replenished here and replenished with period furniture and pictures. Mr. Ford made me sit on the horsehair sofa and sat himself at the other end and we talked. It was very friendly, homely, disputative talk, probably in some ways much in the vein of talk that passed on that sofa when it was new. People didn't work hard enough in England. Why didn't they raise their own food? He had sat next to Churchill at a dinner at Sir Philip

The Ideas Of Mr. Henry Ford

A Revealing Interview

By the "Manchester Guardian" Correspondent, James Bone

Sassoon's house in London. There were a lot of people there, and he had asked Churchill, "Why don't you work the land?" It was in 1930.

Churchill (said Mr. Ford) said that they could not raise enough food; they had to buy their food and make things to sell to other people, and that kind of talk. I told him they should raise their own food. The next day I went to find a farm to buy it and prove it. I bought one for about a million dollars at Boreham, it was called, out of London. It was an old mansion place, about three square miles of land, some of it swampy. And we raised plenty of food and made it pay the first year. It's going on now; the girls are running it. I don't say they can't farm in England — I saw some fine farms — but they're too small.

Mr. Ford talked about the small tractors ploughing the field we had passed. They did the work whatever the lie of the soil and kept steady. We had seen a host of them on fields working at twenty miles an hour. Mr. Ford was enthusiastic about these hydraulic ploughs, invented by Mr. Ferguson, the famous North of Ireland engineer, who worked with the Ford organisation. They would change a lot of things in agriculture all over the world. From that he passed to soya beans, which the Ford estate is cultivating on a big scale, and he showed fine wool made from them — I did not, however, see the Ford suit made from the wool — and rough, strong fibre stuff; then to plastics from the bean, and the great man's face lit up as he spoke of cars that would be made of plastic, half the weight of the present car.

Animals And Survival

He returned to animals and his well-known doubts of four-footed animals as qualifying for survival. One of these days we would probably get quit of them. The cow's chance of survival particularly seemed thin. Following this train of thought he asked with a mischievous flash if I'd heard of the dog that was in the papers that insisted on always walking on two legs. I wonder what the old horsehair sofa would have thought of such heresy.

Constantly he returned to the land and how it could be better used for the good of mankind. I remembered one of the mottoes on the walls of the gigantic rotunda where the new models and globe of the world — showing the territory of Fordlandia, in Brazil, where the Ford rubber estates are now developing — are displayed, which seemed to crystallise the great mechanic's code: "With one foot on the land and one on industry, America is safe." One wondered if there was ever another great industrialist who put the land first, as Henry Ford does. Incidentally, his policy of settling units of twenty-five men in villages where there is a stream that can be dammed to give power so that they can make bolts and nuts and small gadgets has brought money and life into many decaying parts of rural Michigan.

The talk ranged from beavers' teeth and exercise to heaven ("When you're there you'll want to get back here pretty quick — you'll want to get to your work") and reincarnation. And in all he said you felt that you were with an "original" in the old sense of the word when most communities had a man who had his own original conceptions compared with whom other people seemed like standardised types. Queer it was to think that the man who had produced more movable objects exactly alike than anyone else in the world should himself be unlike anyone else. He would advance outrageous propositions and sit back to see how you took them, and he would propound ideas about the Jews and about the press that left one speechless.

The Jews

"You can't believe anything in the papers; maybe some of it's the truth but not the whole of it," he said. While confident that Hitler "was a dub, just a dub," he hinted darkly about people behind Hitler. One could not be sure how seriously these theories were held. The best he would say about the Jews, was that you could not do without them. "The Gentiles wouldn't work if the Jews weren't here."

Like many another, he had entertained his mind with ideas about having lived before. The whole thing that mattered was what experience we brought from

a former life and what we gathered in this life to pass on to help other people on to a next life. It's the sum of what we carry on from our generation to another that makes the essence of experience the thing. As we passed on to a lighter vein I asked if in a future incarnation he would not bother making old-fashioned things like motor-cars and would concentrate on aeroplanes? He said he didn't know anything about that or what he would be like in another life. "The only thing is," said Henry Ford, "that I'd like to be sure of getting the same wife."

But although holding himself aloof from the Ford workshops in producing the 4,000 Pratt and Whitney warplane engines Mr. Ford is working with his characteristic concentration on a civil aeroplane of a new type. He intimated that it would have a gyroscope that would take it up and land in, say, the floorspace of that small inn, go right away and so save all the power wasted on rising and landing. The engines would be in the wings and a lot of the exhaust would be saved. It would have a lot of new points. He was working on models. So the life of future generations may be immensely affected by what Henry Ford is devising in his present incarnation, just as his motor-cars have affected the life of the generation that is now passing. He had only been in a plane himself three times, twice with Lindbergh.

Motor-Cars

One part of Henry Ford's achievements that particularly impressed me was the biological difference he had made to the United States by enlarging the area of marriage selection of rural communities from a buggy ride to a motor-car ride — say from ten miles to a hundred and fifty — and so made the melting-pot really melt.

Mr. Ford, as in everything discussed, where there was a side of self-appreciation brushed that aside. It had made a difference, he said. "The motor-car is the greatest educator we've got. A man takes his family 500 miles in his car on holiday and they meet another family from the other side that has come the same distance. They talk together, tell their experiences to one another, and back they go to pass some of it on to their home folks. That's good mixing." The radio was doing the same thing. I suggested that the motor-car had prevented the United States from having a peasantry. He said everyone came into towns now, and perhaps too much.

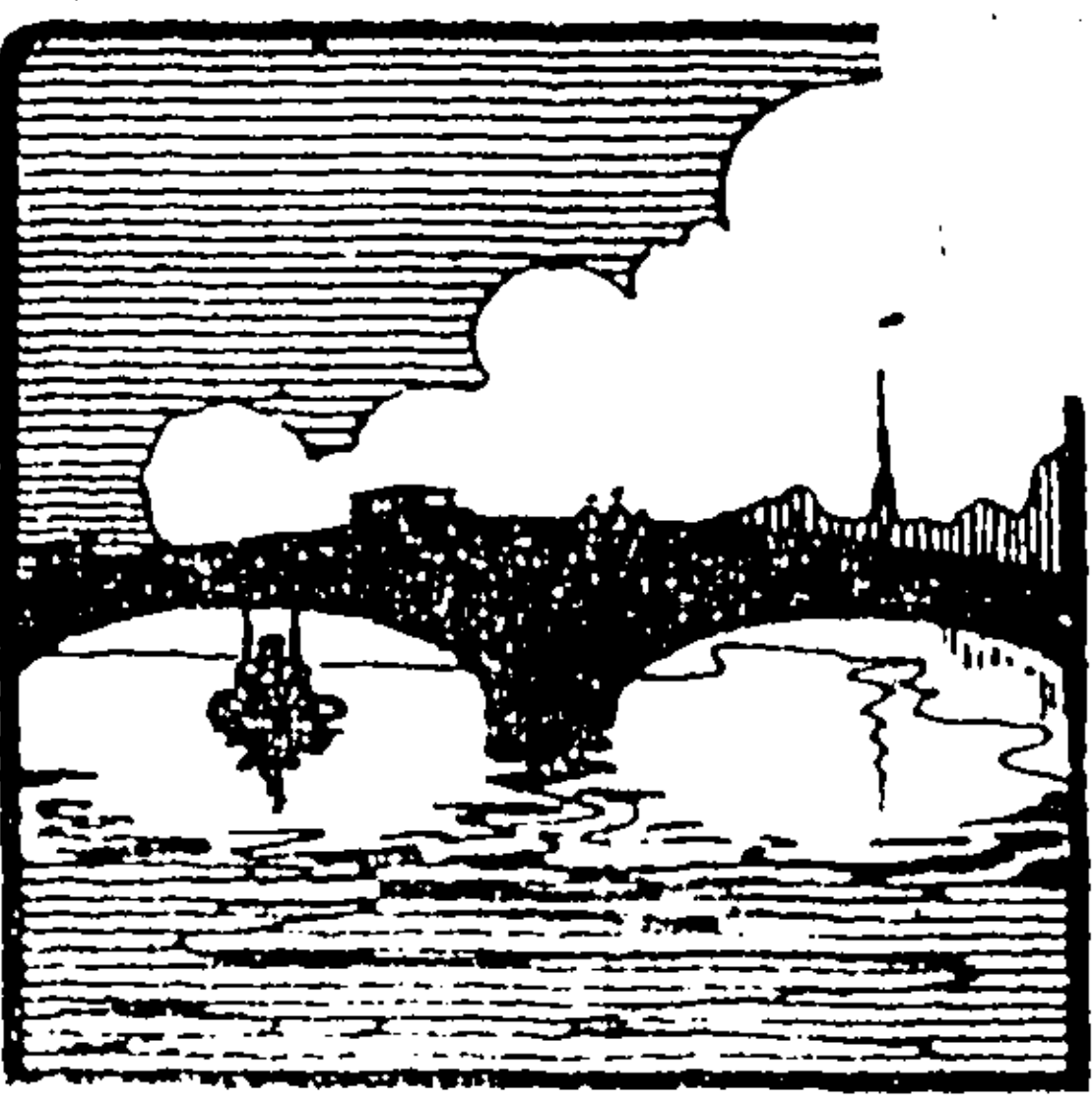
The Ford Peace Ship. We came to that at last as an instance of how a man gathers lasting experiences. He recalled Miss Jane Addams and the idea of the Peace Ship in the last war to get the boys out of the trenches by Christmas. There were 25 or 26 women on board and a lot of discussion. They got to Denmark, and the newspaper folk came on board and they talked and talked. The result of all this was that Mr. Ford got an idea of forces and schemes he did not know of before the war, so he left the ship and went back to the United States. He had 100 days of it all. It cost him \$400,000, but the experience was worth it.

Energy And Freshness

It is not possible to give an idea of the energy, ingenuity, freshness of mind, naivete in many ways, originality, native wit and business shrewdness, optimism tinged with caustic experience, kindness and flinty hardness, and a strange kind of humbleness ("I'm just a tool") in this industrial king. His face in repose has that remote look that we call ascetic and is seen frequently in religious people. It is the expression of the rare will-power that can produce periods of complete mental concentration, an expression one would recall well on the faces of Arthur Keith, the great anthropologist, and John Buchan, the writer. "Faith is what we gather from experience," said Henry Ford.

He is seventy-seven, and although he cannot touch his toes — he tried to do so in the Clinton Inn that day — he can do a couching exercise at a chair that few people can do at fifty and can still run a hundred yards and dance old-fashioned dances with his wife at the Ford parties. He plans, as I have said, an aeroplane for the world at peace. He is still a great force in the industry of the world. Will he ultimately turn his genius and that industry to the aid of democracy in its peril? I said my say and we shook hands. "You're hide-bound," said Henry Ford, and he added after a pause, "Maybe I'm hide-bound, too."

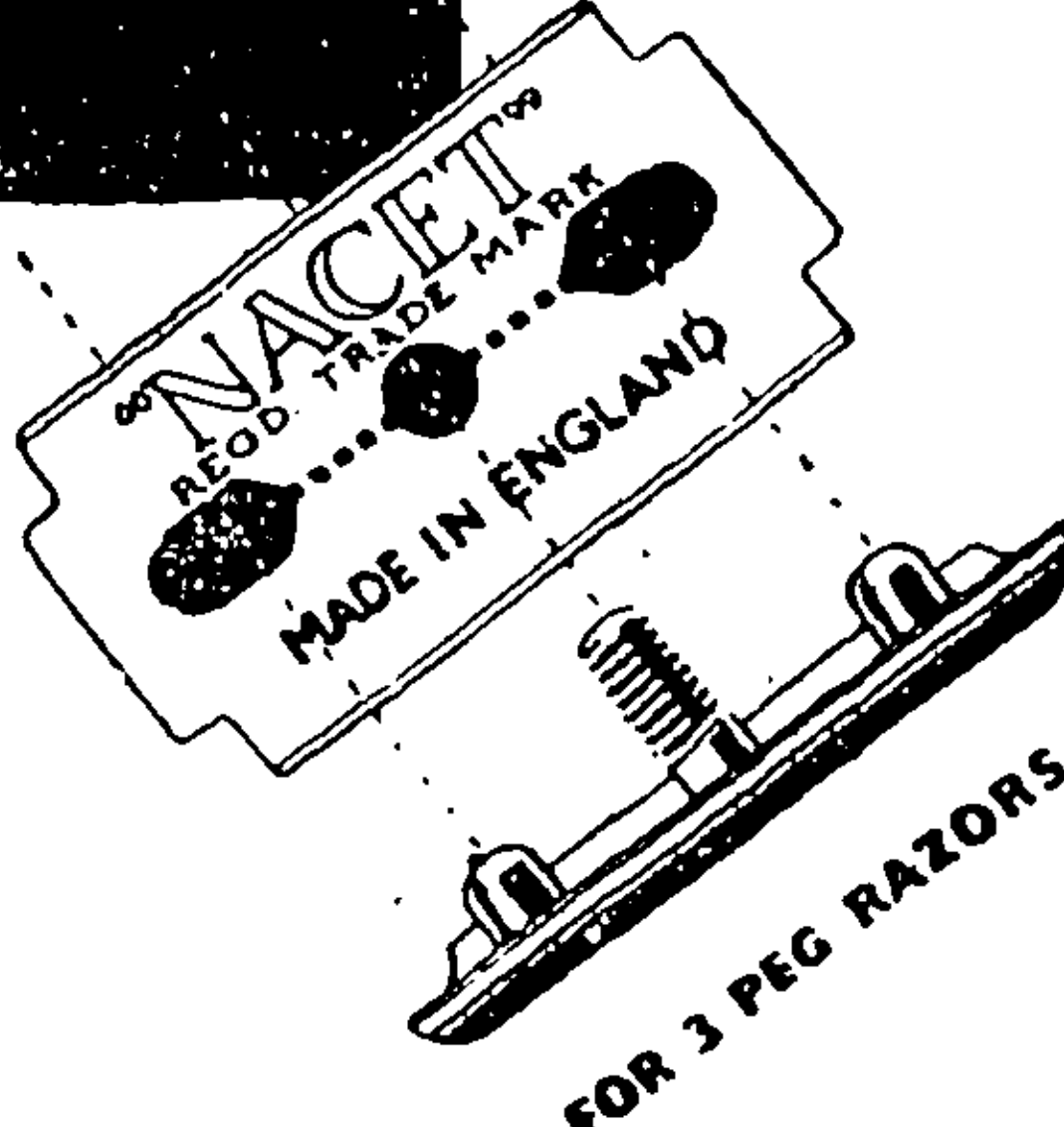
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ADMIRALTY GIVES FACTS OF ACTION IN MEDITERRANEAN

AN ADMIRALTY communique was issued last evening in the course of which the facts are given regarding the recent German and Italian air attacks on British naval units in the Mediterranean, which have been the subject of a series of specious claims in Italian and German communiques.

The Admiralty communique states: "Our naval forces have been operating in the Central Mediterranean during the period, January 7 to 13, covering the passage of convoys through the Mediterranean.

On the morning of January Tenth when in the Sicilian Channel, two Italian destroyers were encountered.

One of these, of the Spica class, was sunk but the other managed to escape. Later, H.M.S. Gallant was damaged by mine or torpedo but has arrived in harbour.

German and Italian air forces, working from Italian bases, and including a number of dive bombers, made great efforts against our ships during these operations.

H.M.S. Illustrious was hit and received some damage and casualties. One of our cruisers, H.M.S. Southampton was also hit and suffered casualties.

Twelve enemy aircraft, at least, were shot down and a further number damaged.

The main object of the operations, which was that of passing a convoy from west to east, was carried out according to plan. This convoy carried important material assistance for Greece.—British Wireless.

The "Illustrious"

H.M.S. Illustrious was one of the ships from which the Fleet Air Arm dealt its crippling blow to the Italian Navy at Taranto.

She is one of Britain's newest aircraft-carriers, with a displacement of 23,000 tons and carrying about 70 aircraft.

H.M.S. Southampton is a cruiser of 8,000 tons displacement and she was launched at Clydebank in 1936. She received her first war scar in the early days of the war when a bomb struck her a glancing blow during an air attack in the Firth of Forth.

RUMANIAN WATERS MINED

RUMANIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS HAVE BEEN DECLARED A DANGER ZONE FOR SHIPPING IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE RUMANIAN NAVY MINISTER AND QUOTED BY ANKARA RADIO YESTERDAY.

Ships desiring to navigate in these waters of the Black Sea must obtain permission and notify the port authorities, it is stated.

No reason for this measure is given.—Reuter.

UPWARD TREND ON STOCK MARKET

The upward trend of prices on the London Stock Exchange, with broadening enquiries, is giving cause for general satisfaction. Gilt-edged were again favoured, while several Brazilian bonds continued their advance. On the other hand Japanese bonds encountered offerings. Industrials attracted buying interest, especially electric equipments and building shares, while among oils Mexican Eagles were the most popular feature. Wall Street was steady.—Reuter.

SAFE CONDUCT PROPOSAL

The uncomfortable position of the Italians in Italian East Africa, and particularly in Abyssinia, where the continued subjugation of so recently conquered a people must be making severe demands upon a garrison cut off from its home bases, has been exciting interest in some countries abroad.

The suggestion has even appeared in foreign newspapers that, in view of the memories of the Italian conquest and the severities which followed it, the risk of wholesale massacres is great and that the Italian authorities in East Africa might be well advised to seek safe conduct at least for Italian women and children in Abyssinia who could be sent to Rome.

The attention of official circles here has been called to these suggestions.

It is understood that there is, at present, no knowledge of any move of this kind, but that should such a request come from the Italian authorities in East Africa, it would certainly receive the most careful and sympathetic consideration.—British Wireless.

BLAZING CAR RIDDLE: THREE DIE TRAPPED

THREE PEOPLE WERE killed in an accident which no one saw when they were trapped in their car, which overturned and caught fire about three miles from Pontypool, on the main road to Abergavenny, recently.

Victims were Regimental Sergeant-Major James Truman Howell, forty-one, his wife, Mrs. May Howell, forty, and their six-year-old daughter Annetta, of Spencer Road, Newport Mon.

Firemen, police, soldiers and civilians tried to extinguish the fire with buckets filled from a ditch, but they were beaten back by the intense heat.

When the fire was eventually brought under control the three charred bodies were recovered.

One of the first on the scene was a bus driver, Cedric Williams, who attacked the flames with a fire extinguisher.

Blaze Unapproachable

A wide area round the car was on fire, and it was impossible to get near the car," he said.

MENDOZA PUTS TO SEA AGAIN

The French steamer "Mendoza" which took refuge in Uruguayan waters after being intercepted by the British auxiliary cruiser, H.M.S. Asturia, on Monday, has left again for an unknown destination.

The Mendoza spent Monday night at the entrance to Montevideo harbour channel. She left early yesterday morning. Originally, she left Buenos Aires with general cargo for Unoccupied France, on Friday, in an attempt to run the British blockade.—Reuter.

NARROW ESCAPE OF AMERICANS

Chungking was raided for the first time this year yesterday, when Japanese aircraft rained bombs and machine-gunned various parts of China's wartime capital.

The "Life" magazine cameraman, Carl Mydans, and his wife, Shelley, had a very narrow escape as their air-liner was preparing to land when the raiders appeared.

They managed to land, however, and flee to safety in time.—Reuter.

The only survivor of the family is a four-year-old son, who was staying at Abergavenny.

ITALIAN BASE IN SICILY RAIDED

R.A.F. Blitzkrieg Air Offensive Maintained Nine Nazi Junkers Dive-Bombers Destroyed

TRIBUNALS FOR THE RESERVED

Business executives, office workers and men in some other reserved occupations will no longer be automatically exempted from the Forces.

Each will soon have to satisfy a committee that his firm's work is of national importance, or that he cannot be replaced by another man or woman.

The setting up of advisory committees to consider this change in the reserved schedule is announced by the Ministry of Labour.

The first committee to get to work will examine the position of men in the London area who are registered as office or departmental managers, jobs for which the reserved age is thirty.

The advisory committee consists of Prof. Dr. D. T. Jack, Professor of Economics at King's College, Newcastle-on-Tyne (chairman), Mr. J. S. McLean, a member of the executive council of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce, and Mr. W. Stott, former general secretary of the Railway Clerks' Association.

Six occupations are added to the reserved list. They are:

At thirty, Dry miller (cement manufacture) and cargo supervisor; at twenty-five, salvage manager or officer and assistant salvage manager or officer. Men in these jobs who are already in the Forces or called up will not be released.

STOCK EXCHANGE STIMULATED

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange official summary, issued to-day stated: The market had no doubt that the H. K. Bank would maintain its dividend, but the preliminary figures announced indicate substantial increase in the Corporation's profit. The effect has been to stimulate the market generally.

NIGHT FIGHTER PILOTS GAINING SUCCESSES

THE GROWING experience of British night fighter pilots is beginning to show results; more raiding bombers are being intercepted and those that do get through are being attacked with some success, says the Air Ministry news service.

The number of our night fighter squadrons is steadily increasing, though necessarily slowly.

Pilots must be taught a new technique of fighting, much of which is still experimental. Aircraft must be adapted and even under the most favourable conditions the difficulties of trailing enemy bombers flying at some 250 miles an hour through darkness are still severe.

"Like trying to swat a wasp in a black-out room," as one pilot said.

Similar Nazi Tactics

The enemy is working on similar lines. Our bombers are now

encountering night fighters on their raids over Germany, and several of these have been shot down.

So far the night tactics of the R.A.F. have proved more successful than the enemy's, because none of our night fighters has been lost in action.

The first Distinguished Flying Cross for night flying was awarded to Flight-Lt. John Cunningham, who shot down two enemy bombers over the South Coast at a height of nearly 20,000 feet in a temperature 50 degrees below freezing point. — Reuter.

AT LEAST NINE AIRCRAFT — BELIEVED TO BE GERMAN JUNKERS 87'S (DIVE-BOMBERS) — WERE DESTROYED WHEN THE R.A.F. MADE A HEAVY RAID ON CATANIA (SICILY), ACCORDING TO A MIDDLE EAST R.A.F. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY.

The raid occurred on the night of January 12/13. A series of attacks was made and very heavy damage was caused, the communique states.

Two hangars on the western side of the aerodrome were set afire, one being demolished. Another hangar on the east side was also set ablaze. Heavy explosions occurred and a number of fires started among administrative buildings.

Bombs hit the main runways and a railway line along the west side of the aerodrome.

The same night raids were made on aerodromes at Berka and Benina. Many planes are believed to have been put out of action by bomb splinters and subsequent machine-gun attacks.

The previous night raids were made on barracks and defences at Derna and fires started among barracks.

Troops Bombed

Military concentrations at Barti (Albania) were bombed on Monday and it is believed that direct hits were registered.

Smoke was seen rising from a bridgehead in the south end of the town when British aircraft left the target.

Raids were made on the night of January 12/13 on aerodromes at Asmara, Prantu and Agordat, in Italian East Africa, while at Maidaca a further attack was

made on Caproni workshops, where a large fire was caused among buildings.

Dive Attack

At Tessenei on Monday a dive attack was made on motor transport concentrations and fires started.

From the operations in East Africa all our aircraft returned safely. — Reuter.

ASSAULT SENTENCE

Sentence of two months' hard labour was imposed by Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon this morning on Tang Leung, 29, for assault.

Accused assaulted Tai Siu-cheong, described as "Chairman of a Union," in Reclamation Street last Wednesday at the instigation, it was alleged, of a waitress.

THEFT FROM "COURTLANDS"

Mr. M. A. Cairns, residing at Courtlands, Kennedy Road, has reported the theft of clothing, valued at \$29, from his room yesterday.

SEAMAN VAGRANT

Vincent Wesley Grant, alias Liaz Mohamed, 20, seaman, was committed to the House of Detention, by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, on a vagrancy charge.

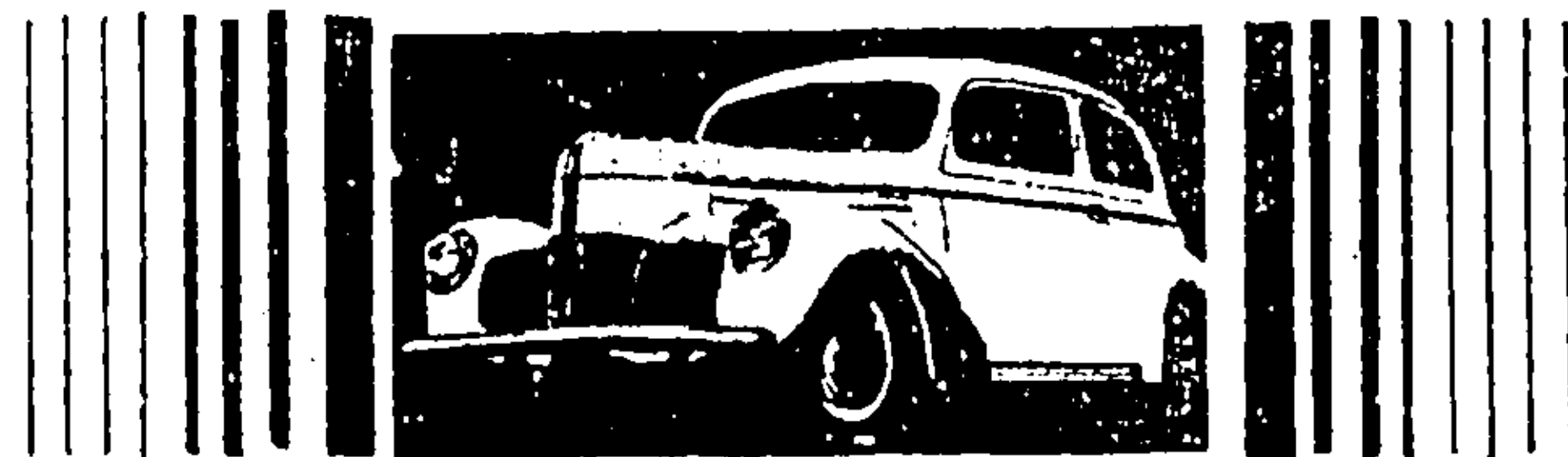
Detective-Sergeant Gowan said defendant gave himself up at the Special Branch at about 3 p.m. yesterday. He was born in Jamaica and was brought to the Colony by a Chinese in 1930, when he was nine years old. He lived in Shumchun with the Chinese, on whose death he came to Hong Kong. He was at present staying with a Police constable. He had been out of employment since September last.

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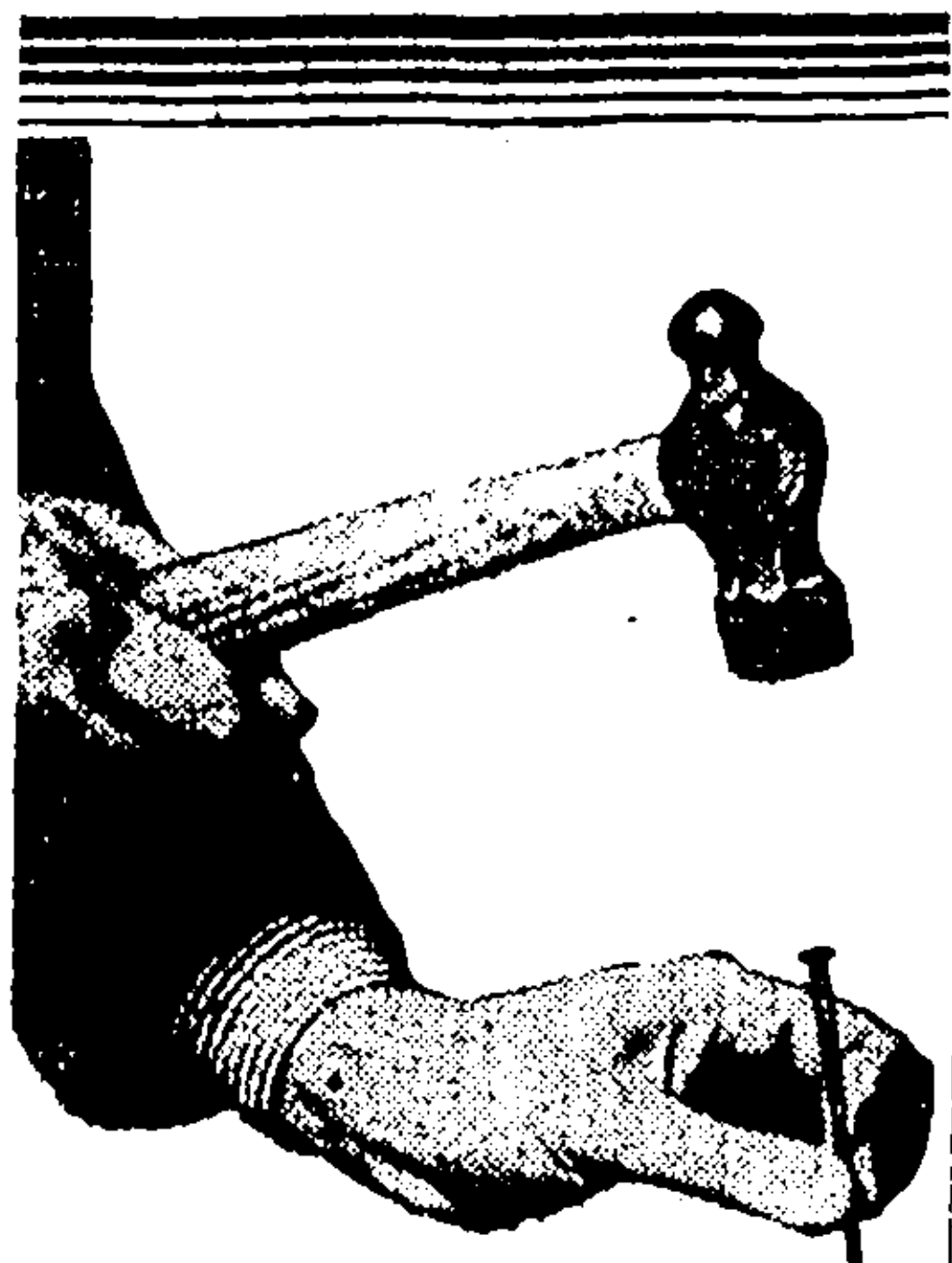
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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



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BABY NO ONE WANTED

The story of Elizabeth starts dramatically enough for a novel—and there may be a happy ending, too.

Mrs. Mabel Lethbridge, of Oakley Street, Chelsea, answered a ring at her door, and a young woman on the verge of hysterics thrust six-week-old Elizabeth into her arms.

The sobbing mother told Mrs. Lethbridge that soon after Elizabeth had been born a bomb wrecked her lodgings. She had spent her nights in public shelters, her days wandering the streets. She had no ration card for the child, no money to buy food. She had no idea what to do and had been on her way to the river.

Then, as Mrs. Lethbridge still nursed the child, the mother ran away.

Elizabeth was ill and dirty. Mrs. Lethbridge carried her inside her home, bathed her and tended her. Then she set about finding Elizabeth a home.

"We Can Do Nothing"

And this is what happened:—
A CHILD CLINIC: "We can do nothing because the mother refused to go away with the child."

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Dr. BARNARD'S HOMES: "Such a case would need to come to us through the police."

Mrs. Lethbridge was almost desperate. "I went back to the relieving officer," she said. "He was extremely kind."

On his advice she applied to the "Save the Children Fund," who decided to forfeit the L.C.C. billowing allowance and offered a place in their home without payment.

Finally, the Canadian Red Cross came to the rescue. Without hesitation they forwarded a generous outfit for the baby, a shelter-suit, cradle and a rattle.

But there may be a happy ending. Some rich Americans have heard of Elizabeth's plight and they may adopt her.

Meantime, Mrs. Lethbridge still does the role of foster-mother. "I do want Elizabeth to get a good home," she said. "I only wish I could keep her myself—she is such a lovely baby."

BRIDGE NOTES

CORRECT TECHNIQUE

By The Four Aces

South's method of playing for his three no-trump contract was a demonstration of correct technique:

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K 9 2
♥ K 6
♦ J 6 2
♣ K Q 9 5 2

♠ Q 10 6 3
♥ Q 10 9 7
♦ 3
♣ 7 3

♠ A 8 5
♥ A 5
♦ A K 10 9 8
♣ J 7 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the ten of hearts, and South thought carefully before winning the trick. He had four sure tricks in the majors, and a successful diamond finesse would bring in five more. But if the diamond finesse lost, a heart return would knock out his last stopper; and an attempt to set up the ninth

trick in clubs would allow the opponents to take the club Ace and cash three heart tricks at once.

There was less danger in attacking the clubs instead of the diamonds. For then he needed only a 3-2 break in clubs to establish four tricks in the suit, with six top cards in the other suits. There was, of course, danger of a 4-1 split in clubs but South decided to take care of that in another way.

He therefore won the first trick with dummy's King of hearts and returned a low club. East naturally played low, and South won with the club Jack. But now there was no longer any risk in switching to diamonds and there was considerable risk of a bad club break if he stuck to clubs. So South cashed the diamond Ace and returned to dummy with the spade King to lead the Jack of diamonds for a finesse. West took the diamond Queen and led another heart, but South was able to take nine tricks before giving up the lead again.

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 7
♥ Q 8 5
♦ K 10 8 6
♣ K 10 8 7

The bidding:

Maier	Schenken	You	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid two no-trump. You have supporting cards in your partner's suits and good stoppers in the unbid suits. If your partner has more than a minimum opening bid, there should be a good play for game.

Score 100% for two no-trump, 40% for three hearts, 30% for pass.

Question No. 614

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A Q 10 8 6
♥ A J 9 8
♦ Q 9 8
♣ Q 8

The bidding:

You	Maier	Schenken	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

(Released by The Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN SIMPLE LINE ---Clever Detail

Ideas for brightening up winter clothes are legion. You can get the smartest effects with clever finishing touches.

And I am so glad the designers have thought out all those new notions for us, because they do give us clever ways of adding interest to our not-so-new frocks.

As you know, there has been no drastic change in line since last season, except that everything is simpler and there is no exaggeration of any kind.

Full skirts, for instance, are not so full, and straight, narrow skirts are not so narrow, but all skirts are very short. Bodices have high necklines and smart detail.

Illustration shows one or two clever finishing touches I saw at the dress collections shown for both the States and the British Isles.



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Fur trimmings on woollen coats are less lavish than they were, and the small fur collar seen in the sketch is quite of the newest type. It would not take much fur to make it and the pretty handbag fur muff to go with it. The set could be easily managed from the good pieces of an old fur coat, or even from an old fur tie. Most of us have some fur pieces we have hoarded. Well, here's a good way of using them up.

The collar and muff could also be made of fabric fur. In a good fabric astrakhan to go with black they would be very smart.

Give your afternoon frock a shawl to match it made of the same material. It's a new notion! These shawls are worn both in the afternoon and evening, and they give an attractive old-world touch to a dress.

Distinctly 1941 is the belt with a small detachable pocket for emergency money. You could make this oblong pocket in any pretty material to match or form a contrast with your waistbelt.

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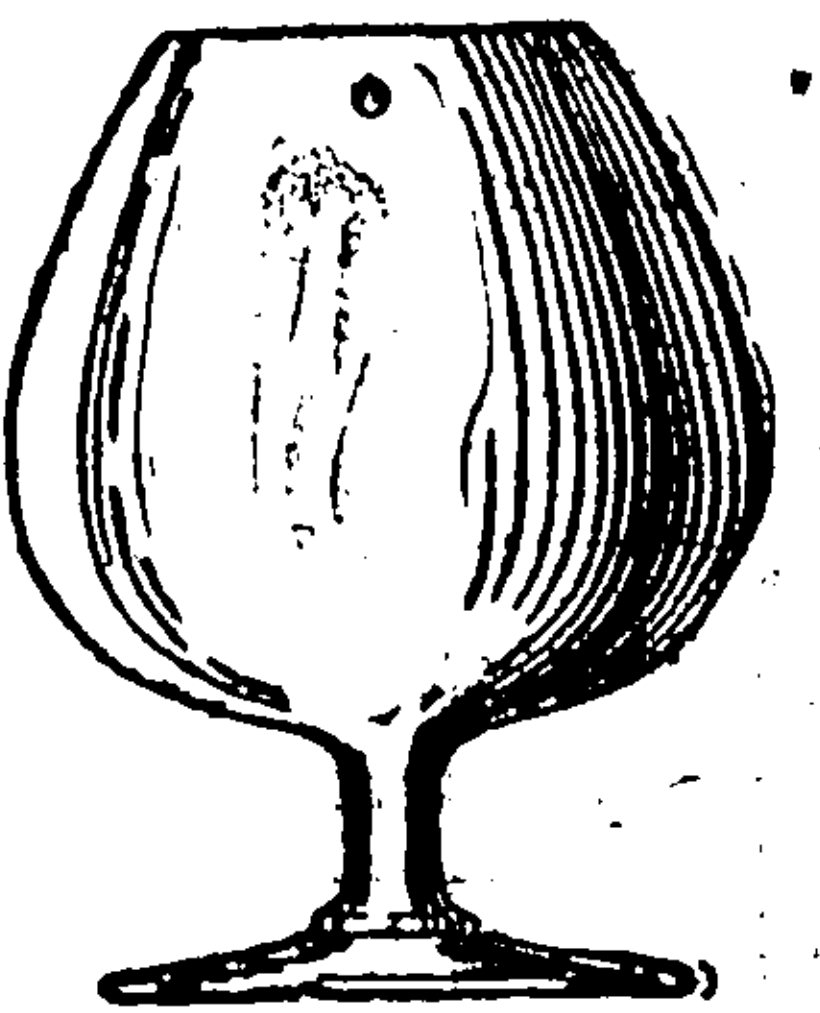
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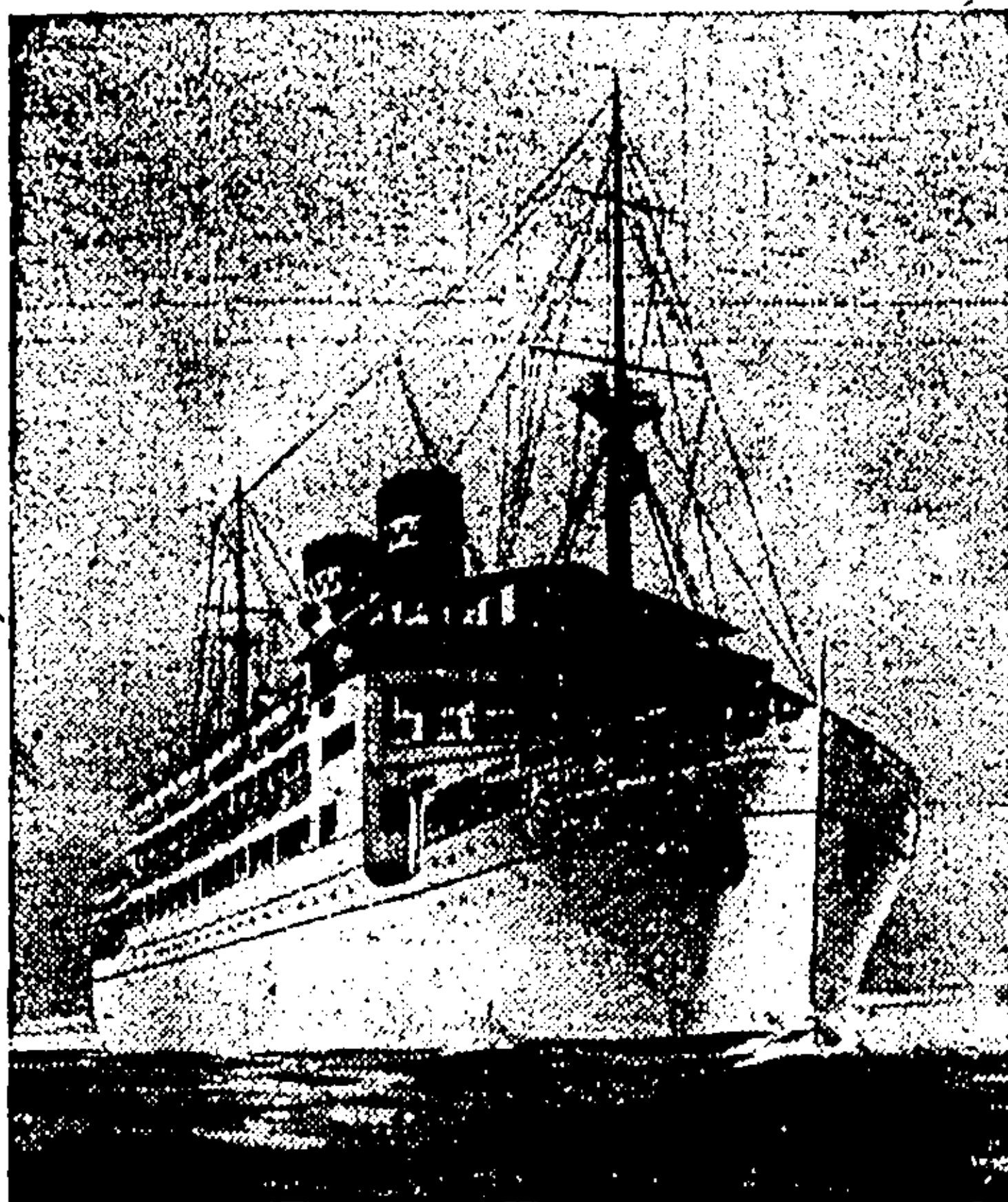
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12.48 p.m.—Elgar—Serenade in E Minor for Strings, Op. 20.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Dance Music by Harry Roy and His Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Max Miller in the Theatre Again.

2.05 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.52 p.m.—The Comedy Harmonists.

6.45 p.m.—Moskowsky—'From Foreign Lands' Suite. State Opera Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour. The Rt. Hon. A. Duff Cooper on 'France'.

7.30 p.m.—Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) and the B.B.C. Wireless Military Band.

8.03 p.m.—Compositions of Edward German.

8.23 p.m.—Two English Songs by Malcolm McEachern (Bass).

8.30 p.m.—Studio—'British Dramatists' No. 5: Shaw. Talk by Father T. Ryan, S.J.

8.50 p.m.—Layton—Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra.

Andante and Rondo. George Skidale (Trumpet) and Symphony Orch.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Democracy' by Marjorie.

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Memories of bygone Eton were recalled by Sir Francis Hyett, one of the oldest living Etonians, when I called on him at his house at Painswick, overlooking one of the loveliest valleys in the Cotswolds. Next month he will be 98.

In the world that he talked about the most remarkable events were the Great Exhibition of 1851, which he saw as a boy of seven, and the great frost that set him skating for miles around Eton till he lost his way.

He was first at Hale's house and then at the eccentric "Judy" Durnford's. It was a period of transition. The dark old days had gone when the 70 scholars of Eton huddled together in great beds in Long Chamber, a room 172 feet long, 27 feet wide and 15 feet 6 inches high, without glass to keep the snow from falling on the beds or enough basins to wash in.

Lock in at 8 p.m.

Even when 18 boys were transferred to new rooms however, "Carter's Chamber" was described as "beastly" and Lower Chamber as "the nethermost hell." Boys were given a bundle of clothing wrapped in a horse rug, locked in at 8 p.m., and released at 7 a.m.

By the time Sir Francis arrived Keate, with his perpetual "I'll flog you," had gone, to be succeeded as headmaster by Hawtrey and then Goodford.

Poor Food

Food in Sir Francis's day was still poor, but conditions otherwise were much better. There was less of the bullying which brought such an eloquent protest from Dr. Hawtrey, which Shelley, "a stripling pale and lustre-eyed," had brought on himself by his refusal to fag, and which inspired the Earl of Chatham to declare that "he scarce observed an Eton boy who was not cowed for life."

It is pleasant to end with cricket. Sir Francis was at Eton with five Lytteltons, including the great Alfred, and five Lubbocks. One of his proudest memories is of hitting Dr. E. M. Grace for six, which was something "the Coroner" often experienced but never relished.

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COST 11 LIVES**

The inquest was opened at Wembley on the 11 victims of the accident to a Liverpool-Euston express, which was derailed after colliding with a luggage barrow which had fallen on the line. A verdict of accidental death was recorded in each case.

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A temporary porter said that he was holding the handle of the barrow and two other employees were pushing it. They were about three feet from the top of the ramp, when they found the weight too much and they could not "hold it in." He had thought it was a bit too heavy, although he did not say so.

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PANTHERS BEAT CHUNG HWA

By "Grandstand"

DESPITE THE inclement weather which caused the majority of the games scheduled to be postponed on Sunday, one Junior and two Ladies' League games were played off on time, a handful of stalwart supporters braving the elements.

In the curtain-raiser on the Kowloon Football Club ground, the Canadian Chinese handed out a 14-1 shellacking to the Cardinals, who were limited to only two measly blows off Canuckette hurler Mary Ng, whilst the Maple Leafs collected 11 safeties off Redbird hurlers Zimmern and Babida in a six-inning fray.

The Canuckettes opened the scoring by chalking up two counters on a pair of miscues, a sacrifice and a single. Opening the batting for the Cards, first-sacker Betty Clarke drew a pass. With orders to bunt, Gilly Motta fouled the first pitch, and was only able to pop one weakly to hurler Mary Ng, which was handled in the air. Betty Clarke, who had in the meantime hot-footed it for second, came tearing back to first on the catch, but was given a life by Rene Yuen, who fumbled the throw. Gladys "Grandma" Hutchinson was next given free transportation to first, Marie Roza in the clean-up spot, grounded out weakly, but Betty carried the mail across for the Redbirds' lone marker. "Grandma" died on the sacks!

Five-Run Attack

In the next frame, the Canuckettes unleashed a five-run attack, headed by Jay Wong's four-bagger with none aboard, assisted by four Cardinal bobbles.

In the Redbirds' turn with the hickory, they raised their fans' hopes briefly, when Zimmern walked and Naty Palladone singled with two away, but the former was run down between third and home on Clarke's trickle to second-sacker Ulian Khoo.

In the third, the Maple Leafs were only able to garner one more tally, but the Cards were shut out in their home hall.

After being clipped for five successive safeties, which included two circuit clouts and a triple, for the Canuckettes to notch up another four counters to cinch the game, hurler Adi Zimmern was dickered in favour of Babida, who tossed for the remaining two innings. In the fifth the Cardinals were retired in one, two, three order, and, although trailing 14-1, refused to have the game called.

Umpire Mike Mendonca allowed the game to continue for one more inning, in which neither side scored.

Canuckette hurler Mary Ng, walked four and fanned three, whilst Redbird twirler Adi Zimmern, walked one and fanned none.



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SENIOR LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pts.	
Hong Kong Baseballers	7	2	778	
St. Joseph's	7	2	778	
Indians	6	3	667	
Cyclones	6	4	600	
Recreio Aces	4	3	571	
Chinese Baseballers	3	4	429	
Filipinos	1	7	125	
Canadian Chinese	0	8	000	

JUNIOR LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pts.	
Chung Hwa	7	0	1,000	
V.R.C.	5	1	833	
R.A.F.	5	2	714	
Coasmos	5	3	625	
Recreio Bees	5	3	625	
Liga Portuguesa	3	3	500	
South China	3	3	500	
Royal Scots	3	4	429	
8th R.A.	2	6	250	
C.B.A.	1	7	125	
Royal Engineers	0	8	000	

LADIES' LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pts.	
Canadian Chinese	9	0	1,000	
Wildcats	7	1	875	
Wahoos	8	2	800	
Panthers	6	4	600	
Cardinals	4	6	400	
Ramblerettes	3	7	300	
Little Flowers	1	8	111	
Chung Hwa	0	10	000	

INTER-HONG LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pts.	
Hong Kong Bankers	3	0	1,000	
Shell Officers	3	1	750	
Lacas	2	1	667	
Texaco	2	1	667	
Chartered Bankers	1	1	500	
Greenpols	0	3	000	
Cables	0	4	000	

Panthers' Triumph

In the other tussle, the Baby Panthers triumphed over the Chung Hwa lasses 14-5, and, although the latter outthit the Panthers by 3-2, nine costly bingles, together with hindsnatcher Cheung's eight passed balls, proved disastrous for them. After a long absence, May Chung was seen again in the short-stop gap for the Chung Hwa, but booted two of the five fielding chances that came her way. However, she made up by rapping out two safeties in her three times at the platter.

Lelia Xavier, on the mound for the Panthers, fanned six Chung Hwa femmes and walked none, whilst slabstress Law for Chung Hwa, accounted for three Panthers via the strike-out route, passed no less than six, and was guilty of two wild pitches.

In the Junior League, the Cosmopolitans created an upset by emerging victors in a 12-7 verdict over South China, who were considered favourites. A third-inning spurge of six runs, paved the way for a Cosmo triumph, which was at no time endangered. South China fielded eight men only.

Turning out in full, both the League-leading Chung Hwas and the V.R.C. were ready to take on each other, but afterwards decided to postpone the game on discovering the difficulty of handling the ball on a wet ground. Remaining games were also postponed.

TO-DAY'S RUGBY

The following will represent Artillery again Club "A" in a Rugby match to-day on the Club ground at 4.45 p.m.—Lieut. Lomax; Marsh, Lieut. T. A. Pearce, Capt. Skipwith, Richards; Capt. Hook, Lieut. Wedderburn; Lieut. Smith, Lieut. Delderfield, Evans, Cooke, McDermott, Turner, Lieut. Banner, Hicks. Reserve, Gnr. Keeble.

Both Army Large Unit matches scheduled for yesterday were postponed.

SUNDAY'S HOCKEY

Following is the programme of Hong Kong Hockey Association Tournament matches for Sunday:—

11 a.m.	A. N. Other XI	v.	6th. A. A. "A"
2 p.m.	M. T. B's	v.	Police "A"
	Destroyers	v.	Recreio
	Gunboats	v.	Nomads
4 p.m.	Police "B"	v.	C. B. A.
	6th. A. A. "B"	v.	Engineers
	Kumaons	v.	Khalas

THE SPOTLIGHT ON SPORT

ALTHOUGH coffee-coloured Tommy Martin is winning all his American fights in a line since his points beating by Bob Nestel when making his debut across the Atlantic, it seems that just a good scrapper isn't enough to draw the cash customers, writes "Commentator" in the "North China Daily News."

They have to make quiet-spoken Tommy Martin into an English Dude. Now this column doesn't quite know what an English dude would look like, but Martin's American handlers aren't so backward.

Offered on the high altar of publicity, the Deptford scrapper has been posing for the cameramen in full evening kit, plus shiny, topper—and monocle!

Maybe this will do Martin much good fistically (and financially) in the States. I am not so sure of Deptford reactions, especially among the fighter's old cullies in the local stretcher party.

However, publicity apart, Tommy is getting among the important American money. His latest victory was gained in Hollywood over Buddy Knox, a big 'un out of Daytona with an unbeaten record these last three years.

Who's next? It would be no surprise if Tommy were sent in against Billy Conn, the World's cruiserweight champion (American version), though my view is that he is not ready for such a stiff test as yet.

The Grown Boed . . . As Usual

Cables from the States show that Martin had a tough job. Knox opened with a two-handed attack and took the opening round, but the English battler came back to win the next three in a row.

Losing the fifth heat, Martin was out again to stagger the American with some grandly timed upper-cuts. The scrap was his till the closing round, when Knox broke loose with punches that came from angles that Tommy never knew about before.

Seems that he was getting that far-away look in his eyes and hearing the birdies sing. Anyhow, he was reeling on the ropes with Knox too wild to put over a knock-out punch.

Having scored six rounds for Martin and three for Knox, with one even, the referee right y gave the Deptford boy the decision. Of course, the crowd didn't agree. . . they never do.

No different from the customers in Shanghai, the fans remembered Knox's grandstand finish and forgot Martin's clear-cut work early on. Tommy should worry!

Shy Man With A Background

Here's news of another member of the thick ear fraternity, none other than our old pal, Jack Hyams, well beloved among British fight fans. Although in his thirteenth year of the battling business Jack is matched against Elnie Woodmar, the Battersea boy, for the right to meet Eddie Maguire for the Southern Area cruiserweight title.

Slipping back the years I remember crinkly-haired Hyams fighting on the hills at Premierland and the old N.S.C.—Now that doesn't make him so ancient as age is counted in boxing's breathless rush. It merely shows that he started very young.

A slip of a boy in those days, Hyams slugged it under the name of "Young Froggie." He came out at Premierland to win an 8st. novices competition—his previous experience being to back-alley nose-busting among the young 'uns at Myrdle Street school down Aldgate way—and he kept in the game.

I saw Hyams around London as a taxi-driver, and you would never have put him down as a man with a background of a couple of hundred fights. He was shy and thoughtful, but a good talker once you got him going.

News From A Neutral

News from a neutral. And what nice, peaceful news it is. Just listen.

Sweden is booming a'hetically. So their International Press Bureau comes along with this: "A new event temporarily introduced in our civilian athletics is hand-grenade throwing. Instruction courses and competitions have been arranged by student organisations and sports clubs. Length and precision records are being registered."

That's their story; the italics are

GARRISON BILLIARDS

Following matches in the Garrison Billiards League were played on Friday:—

P.A.S.C. 5 PTS.	C.M.P. 2 PTS.
S.Q.M.S. Wood 150	L/C. Thomson (23) 113
Sgt. Murphy 150	L/C. Chitt 144
Sgt. Harden 125	L/C. Teggarly (22) 150
L/C. Middleton (21) 150	Capt. Hyde 97
Sgt. Hamlin 80	L/C. Willis 150
Pte. Halkin (47) (22) 150	Sgt. Whitton (21) 88
R. SIGNALS NIL	2/R. SCOTS 7 PTS.
Sgt. Pearsen 88	Sgt. Whippey (40) (21) 150
Sgt. Brakenbury (21) 78	Sgt. Clark (26) (24) 150
Sig. Allen 100	Cpl. Octon 150
Cpl. Wathen 125	L/C. Jenkins 150
Sig. Pitcher 110	Pte. Watters 160
Sig. Lilley 111	Pte. Gordon 150

League Positions

R.A.M.C.	P. W. L. D. Pts.
2/Royal Scots	18 18 0 0 106
R.A.S.C.	16 14 2 0 87
C.M. Police	17 13 4 0 78
R.E.	16 8 8 0 59
Royal Signals	17 5 12 0 51
5th A.A. Regt., R.A.	16 5 11 0 42
R.A.P.C.	16 6 10 0 34
R.A.O.C.	15 3 12 0 33
12th Hvy. Regt., R.A.	16 4 12 0 33
	11 3 8 0 26

VOLUNTEERS WIN SOLDIERS CLUB TOURNAMENT

The final of the Soldiers' Club billiards tournament last night resulted in Volunteers defeating Signa's 1,800 to 798.

Allen, 133, Pitcher 136, Langley 46, Brakenbury 72, Hutchison 130, Lieut. 107, Pearson 44, Blount 110. Total 798.

Rakusen 200, J. C. Remedios 200, Hickman 200, Silva 200, J. D. Remedios 200, Sequeira 200, Pereira 200, Baptista 200. Total 1,600.

The best break was 55 by Hickman. Pereira scored 27, 26, 20 and 36 and Baptista had three breaks over 20.

Y.M.C.A. BEAT CUSTOMS

At the European Y.M.C.A. last night, the home team beat Chinese Maritime Customs 850 to 528. Chiu Sze-po won the only game for the Chinese Customs team, beating de Casier 150 to 100.

The Y.M.C.A. team comprised Jones, Eager, Sykes, Champelovier, Ingleby and de Casier. The Customs team was Kemp, Cheuk Sui-nan, Ogden, Tang Mui-ying, Whitmore and Chiu Sze-po.

C.S.C.C. TEAM

The following will represent Civil Service Cricket Club against Police in a Junior League cricket match on Civil Service ground on Saturday.—H. E. Strange (Captain), H. F. Harper, F. E. Lawrence, J. Barrow, A. Watson, G. Ainslie, G. Stone, J. Mitchell, T. Lockhart, J. F. MacGowan, and N. L. Smith.

mine. What a world we live in . . . Sport, where is thy sting?

\$35 A Stroke At Golf

Golf costs money for most people. It's different for Ben Hogan, the American professional who was an automatic selection for the U.S. Ryder Cup team had we been able to send a side over this year.

Hogan's golf this season has brought him just on \$35 (Mex) a stroke. The cash has come from sixty-nine money tournaments thus far this year.

In all, Hogan has played 4,872 strokes with an average of 70.6 a round. My arithmetic may be faulty, but I make it that he has had \$188,340 in prize money. Nice going, Ben. Wish I could do as much!

Splendid Support For Recreio Intra-Club Badminton League

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By "Adrem"

IN ORDER TO CATER FOR THOSE PLAYERS — NOTABLY A LARGE NUMBER OF LADIES — WHO ARE ABLE TO GET LITTLE COMPETITIVE BADMINTON, AN INTRA-CLUB COMPETITION IS NOW BEING RUN AT CLUB DE RECREIO.

ST. JOHN'S AND K.C.C. SHOULD WIN

By "Adrem"

There are two matches on this evening's Junior League badminton programme that should be fairly interesting.

At Kowloon Tong, the home team meet St. John's in what should be quite a close game. At full strength Kowloon Tong might have put up a decent showing but they will be without Frank Kwok, who is laid up with an injured arm, and this may well mean the difference between success and failure.

I have been told that Ko Fook-sing, who has done so well in partnership with Richard Lee hitherto, will be turning out, while N. A. E. Mackay, who in combination with Peter Fletcher was the most successful player for Kowloon Tong last season, will be making his first appearance this year.

St. John's should win but I don't think there will be much in it.

St. Andrew's may well carry Kowloon Cricket Club the whole distance as Fincher and Kew are capable of winning three games on their own court, but I think K.C.C. should just manage to retain their unbeaten record.

Other games should result in wins for Chung Wah and Recreio.

Programme And Some Teams

Following is to-day's "B" Division Badminton League programme and some teams:—

J.R.C. v. Chung Wah
Recreio v. V.R.C.
Kowloon Tong v. St. John's
St. Andrew's v. K.C.C.

St. John's:—E. Kennard and D. Kwok; R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd; N. L. Smith and P. Wilson.

J.R.C.:—S. Ramler and L. Landau; A. Pollak and M. Talan; B. Godkin and A. Odell.

Kowloon Tong:—Peter Lo and Joe Tsang; R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko; John Chen and N. A. E. Mackay.

Recreio:—P. A. Yvanovich Jnr. and P. P. Botelho; A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha; C. C. Pereira and A. N. Other.

LOUIS TO FIGHT CONN IN JUNE

Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion, recently signed a contract to defend his crown in June against Billy Conn, up-and-coming challenger.—United Press.

Indicating the keenness at this club, no fewer than seven teams of eight players per team have entered and, with matches being played twice a week, it is hoped that the competition will be completed by the end of the month—first batch of matches was played over last week-end.

Unlike League badminton, in which each pair is required to play every other pair in the opposing team, the Recreio League is organised on the same basis as the Shanghai Tennis League, that is, the combinations in each team are graded according to ability and the corresponding pairs in each team play each other over one game of 15 points.

Method of "seeding" has been simple. The men and women are individually graded and the strongest man has been partnered with the weakest lady and so on.

Following are the teams:—

"A" Team—M. A. Oliveira and Elsa Ribeiro; A. E. Xavier and Marian Silva; J. M. Oliveira and Violet Remedios; A. V. Alvares and Mercia Alves.

"B" Team—J. J. Remedios and Myra Noronha; W. M. Lawrence and Stella Xavier; A. A. Noronha and Alice Remedios; A. F. Noronha and Irene Lopes.

"C" Team—H. F. Gonsalves and Nena Ribeiro; E. A. R. Alves and Aida N. da Silva; P. M. N. da Silva and Marie Figueiredo; G. A. Noronha and Zaida Barros.

"D" Team—L. A. Carvalho and Sarin Remedios; P. P. Botelho and May Carneiro; A. J. Basto and

CHINESE NEW YEAR SOCCER

Following are the football fixtures during the Chinese New Year holidays:

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22
Kotewall Cup Competition

Army v. Navy
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25
First Division

South China v. Police
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)

Kowloon v. St. Joseph's
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.)

Club v. Royal Scots
(Club, 4 p.m.)

Second Division

Service Corps v. Middlesex
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)

Kil Chee v. Royal Scots
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)

Kowloon v. Ordnance
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)

Engineers v. South China
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)

Sing Tao v. Navy
(St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.)

Club v. Police
(Club, 2.30 p.m.)

Third Division

International v. 35th R.A.
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)

Engineers v. A.S.A.
(Military, 2.30 p.m.)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26
Lai Wah Cup Semi-Final

Navy v. Civilians
(Kowloon, 3.30 p.m.)

MONDAY, JANUARY 27
Lai Wah Cup Semi-Final

Chinese v. Army
(Navy ground, 3.30 p.m.)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28
Kotewall Cup

Navy v. Chinese
(Sookunpoo, 3.30 p.m.)

AIR-RAID WARNING AT NEWMARKET

INDICATING THE CALMNESS with which air-raids are received in England, a letter received here recently from Home tells of an attack which disturbed a race-meeting at Newmarket, writes a correspondent in the "North China Daily News."

Apparently it was with great difficulty that the turf-lovers were persuaded to take shelter at all, and finally only returned home because the weather was bad.

The writer of the letter seems to be little concerned with the raiders, and this high morale and courage is of the calibre which will finally defeat Germany.

"The first day's racing went off 'without incident,' as they say. It was cold and stormy and I spent the afternoon gardening so as to be handy in case the ambulance was called out. There were lots of 'planes about overhead in the clouds, but of course they were ours."

Miserable Weather

"The second day was most miserable weather, floods of driving rain. Everything came unstuck. Pont Eveque and Chateau Larose, both well fancied, were both beaten. Then we had an air-raid warning 'red.' The first sign of trouble was guns or bombs in the distance and the usual murmuring in the sky which is indicative of trouble coming."

"Meanwhile an objection was being lodged on Star Dust in favour of Hippius—sundry bells and whistles seemed to be sounding but people said 'Oh! it's nothing, just to do with the objection!' However, the whistles became more insistent and a big fat policeman appeared blowing heavily. Then three Spitfires circled overhead. The race-goers took little or no notice, in fact no one seemed to know the right procedure for an air raid in the middle of racing."

Short Blasts On Whistle

"The policeman by now had got on to the lawn and stood blowing short blasts on his whistle, looking as if he would like to have ordered someone to do something,

but contented himself with his whistle (short blasts are the air-raid warning 'red'). Then a voice said 'Take cover' as a sort of general instruction. A certain amount of people came off the public stand, I suppose one might say, obediently."

"The bookies seemed to think umbrellas were sufficient cover and started shouting the odds for the coming race. People spread into little groups on the lawn, a certain number went under the stands and a considerable number solved the question by going to the bar. It then became obvious that racing was going to be held up during a raid, and the horses were hidden away."

"All Clear" Sounds

"In view of the horrible weather it looked as if the next best procedure would be to go home. However, before that decision was reached the 'all clear' was sounded and racing was resumed. On the tower were spotters and I am told there were guns about. There was a very small attendance and very few cars; Lord Harewood, Lord Rosebery, the Duchess of Norfolk, the Countess of Durham, Mrs. Clayton and a sprinkling of the usual Newmarket crowd, and very few people in uniform. The public stand was fairly full and a fair number of horses. It was not a pleasant day but it was a good day because it established the fact that we continued racing and got along with things."

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GUNS POUNDING AWAY

Italians Now Admit Gravity Of Libyan Outlook

Need For More Doctors

Because of the increasing demands on the services of doctors, certain overseas doctors can be included temporarily in the Medical Register, it was announced yesterday.

The main object of this is to enable civil hospitals to employ Dominions and foreign doctors.

These eligible fall into two classes:—

Those qualified to practice in Canada or the United States who are British nationals or citizens of the United States; and

Those qualified to practice in any part of the British Empire or the countries of our European allies or in Germany or Italy. — *Reuter.*

SOUTH AFRICAN NAVAL ASSISTANCE

FOR THE FIRST TIME SOUTH AFRICAN WARSHIPS ARE CO-OPERATING WITH THE ROYAL NAVY OUTSIDE SOUTH AFRICAN WATERS.

It is officially announced that a flotilla of mine-sweepers left some weeks ago to join the mine-sweepers of the Royal Navy. — *Reuter.*

All Lines Of Communication Now Cut

WHILE THERE WAS little fresh news from Cairo yesterday there are growing signs that the Italians are beginning to see that their position in Libya and East Africa is getting worse all the time.

The Cairo communique said that in Libya there was "nothing fresh to report" and in the Sudan, "in the neighbourhood of Kassala, patrol activity is continuing," while on other fronts there is "nothing to report."

The fact that there is nothing fresh to report from Libya may be taken to mean that British guns are still pounding away while the Imperial Army musters for the final assault on Tobruk.

Broadcasting to the Italian Empire, Rome Radio yesterday said:—

"The Empire is virtually cut off from the mother country." Italian East Africa, in particular, is practically completely cut off. Its only communication is by air, but the R.A.F. is now so completely master of the air in Africa that it is highly unlikely that the odd Italian plane or two which have been keeping up communications between Libya and Eritrea by night will now venture on the dangerous journey.

Writing from the Italian front, a special correspondent of the newspaper "Le Temps" says:—

"For Italy, the battle for North Africa is no longer for imperial aims but a fight to preserve a part of Italy's national territory." — *Reuter.*

LEND AND LEASE PROGRESS

Mr. Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House of Representatives, stated in Washington yesterday that he is willing to accept "any restrictions whatever" on the Lend-and-Lease Bill provided that they did not interfere with the general purpose of the Bill.

Mr. Sol Bloom, Chairman of the House Foreign Relations Committee, before which the Bill is coming to-day, said he proposed to offer one or two amendments.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, will be the first witness at to-day's hearings. He will be followed by Mr. Henry Morgenthau (Secretary of Treasury) and Mr. Henry L. Stimson (Secretary of War), and to-morrow Col. Frank Knox (Secretary of Navy) and Mr. William Knudsen (Director-General of President Roosevelt's new Supreme Defence Directorate) will testify.

Replying to questions Mr. Bloom said he was not going to call the ex-Ambassadors Mr. William Bullitt and Mr. Joseph Kennedy before the committee, but he would be very pleased if they requested to be heard.

Mr. Bloom added that a request that a representative of the "America First" Committee be heard had been granted.—*Reuter.*

STUDENT WITH A CAMERA

A student of St. Stephen's College, Ma Chan-ling, was summoned before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for possession of a camera in Island Road near the Tytam Reservoir (prohibited area) on January 5.

Defendant said he was a newcomer to the Colony, and did not know the Regulations.

A fine of \$5 was imposed.

WOUNDING CHARGE

Charged with wounding Lam Yam in Shanghai Street, near Nanking Street, yesterday, Feroz Shah, 40, a watchman employed by Orient Tobacco Factory, was remanded for three days by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at Kowloon this morning.

It was stated that complainant was in hospital.

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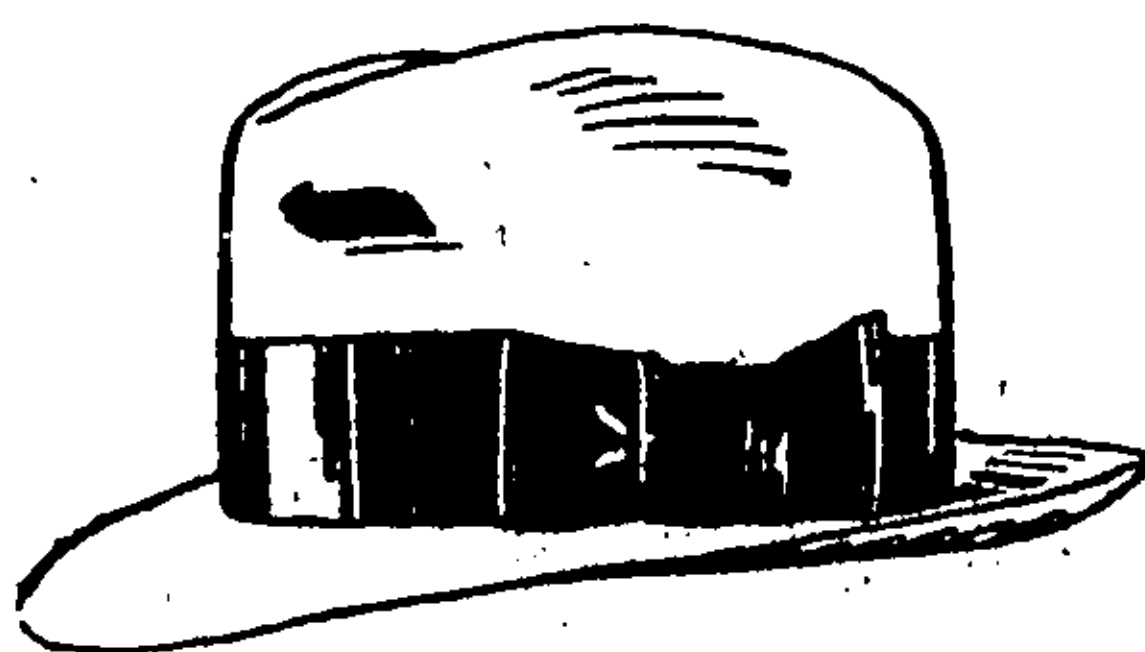


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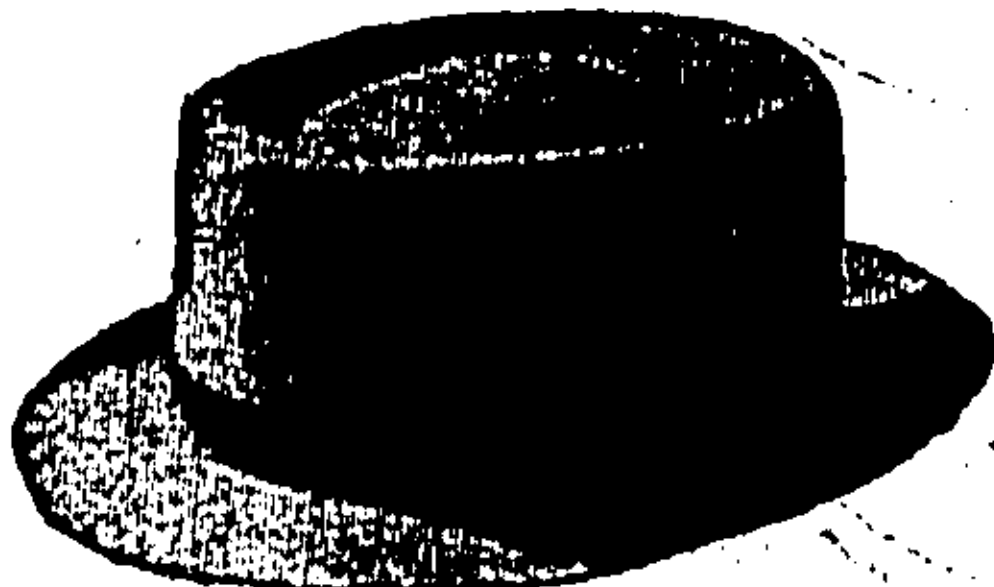


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